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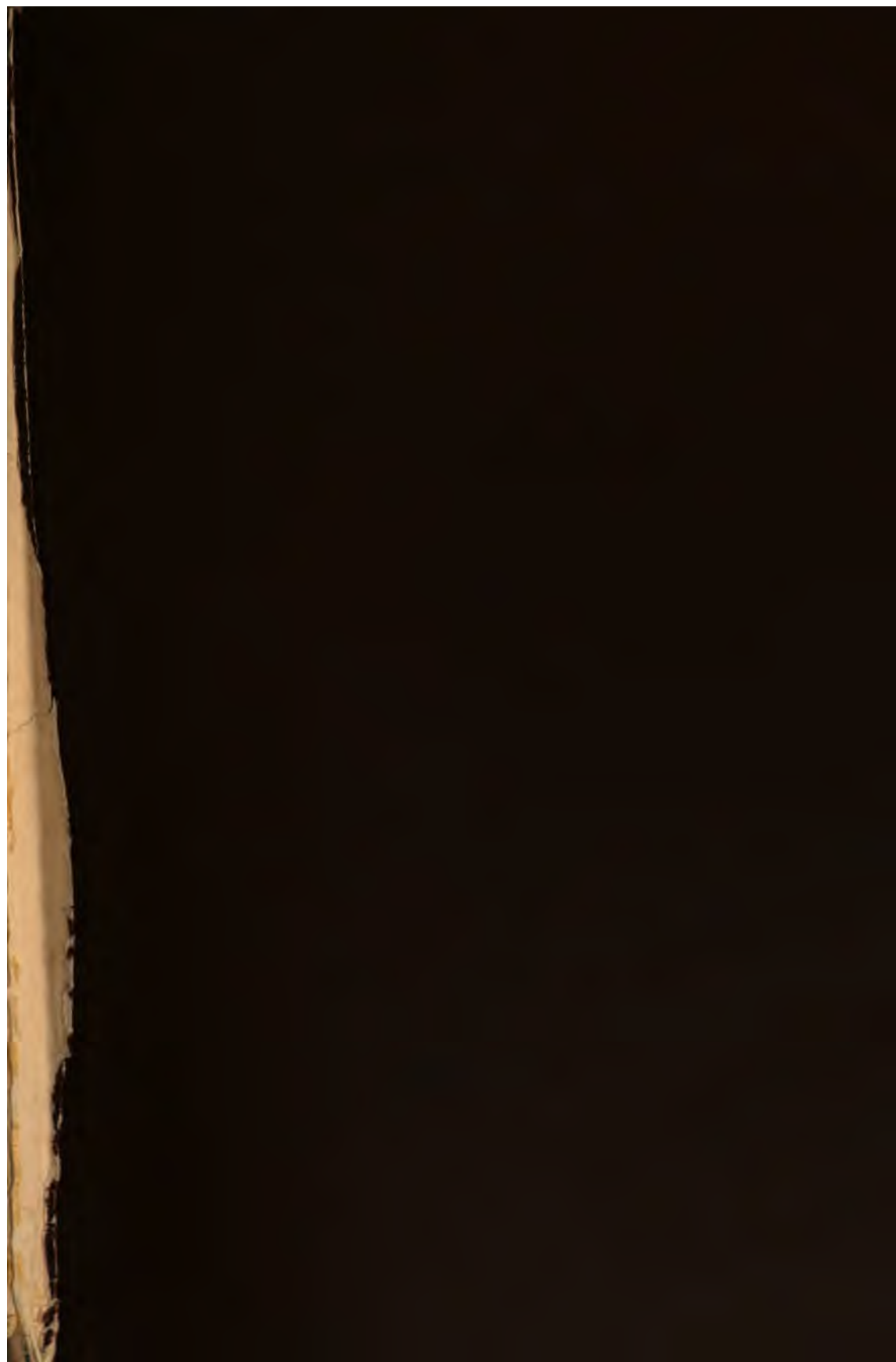
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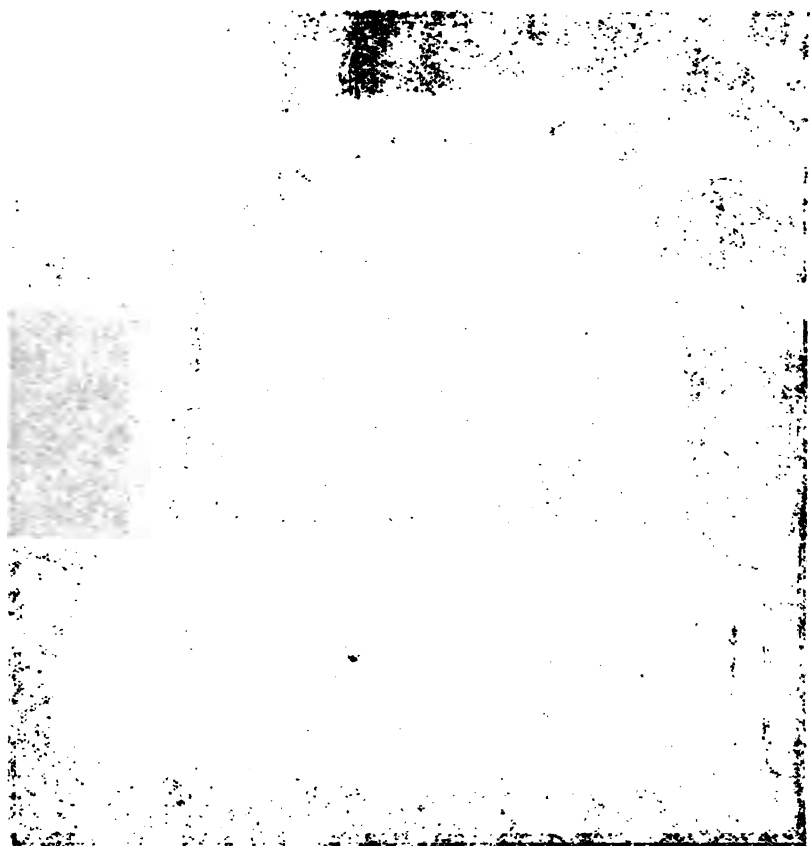
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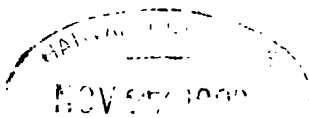
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## *Groton during the Revolution*

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IN this collection of papers I purpose to print the military rolls of Groton companies that served at different times during the Revolution, together with such other facts and documents as relate to the subject. These various rolls, etc., for the most part are preserved among the Revolutionary papers of the Massachusetts Archives at the State House. In the volumes of "Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors of the Revolutionary War," now in course of publication by the Commonwealth, the names of the men and officers from the whole State are given, but they are arranged alphabetically and not by towns. A reference to that work will furnish much additional information, as after the various names there is found a short account of each one's service. Some of the papers and documents, here printed, are taken from newspapers and other publications, not easily accessible to the general reader, but in every case it is stated where the original may be seen. Many of them have appeared in the "Groton Historical Series."

### *Nineteenth of April*

To the people of Massachusetts the Nineteenth of April is fraught with great events and full of stirring associations. On that day in 1689, Sir Edmund Andros, Governor of New England, representing here the power of Great Britain, was consigned by an enraged people as a prisoner

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to the Castle in Boston Harbor. On that day in 1775, British troops fired on the yeomanry of Massachusetts, and the first blood in the War for Independence was then shed. On that day in 1861, a Middlesex County regiment, rushing to the defence of the National Capital, was attacked by an armed mob in the streets of Baltimore, where four soldiers were killed, and more than thirty wounded. These several dates in different centuries are separated by an interval of just eighty-six years, which seems to represent the historic cycle of Middlesex County and of Massachusetts.

### *Minute-men*

In the pursuit of game and other wild animals the early settlers of Massachusetts became familiar with the use of powder, ball, and musket, and even the boys were skilled marksmen. As early as the spring of 1645 the General Court ordered that all youths between the ages of ten and sixteen years should be instructed by competent soldiers in the exercise of arms, such as small guns, half pikes, and bows and arrows, provided their parents were willing. The frequent attacks of the Indians kept the men schooled in the arts of war, and the trials of one campaign fitted them for the duties of the next. Many of the officers who served during the Revolution received the rudiments of their military education in the French and Indian War; and the experience there gained stood them in good stead. The rank and file were made up of brave men, though undisciplined, who from their sires had inherited a love of liberty. For a period of years the leaders had been preparing, consciously or unconsciously, for a struggle which was soon to begin. Great events were hastening public opinion toward the final step.

The leaders of the American Revolution showed much wisdom in the strict attention paid to the preparatory details of their work; and every move on the board was made with



reference to something that was to follow. The final success of the military struggle was due as much to their foresight and sagacity in this respect as to the deep feeling of the people. The alarm at Lexington on the memorable Nineteenth of April aroused almost simultaneously the whole country for miles around, so carefully had the region in the neighborhood been allotted to special messengers, whose duty was arranged beforehand for such a purpose. On the side of the patriots the skirmishes of that day were fought by companies made up largely of minute-men, organized on recommendation of the First Provincial Congress of Massachusetts, in a Resolve passed at Cambridge on October 26, 1774. At that time it was recommended to the field officers of the various militia regiments that they should enlist at least one-quarter of their respective commands, and form them into companies to be held in readiness, at the shortest notice from the Committee of Safety, to march to the place of rendezvous. Such soldiers soon became known as "Minute-men"; and at the first signal of hostilities they were on hand, armed and equipped, ready for any emergency that they might be called upon to meet. At this critical period in many ways they proved to be of great help to the popular cause. The existence of such a body of drilled men seems to have been prompted by the practice of nearly twenty years before, during the French and Indian War, when there were bands of men, known as "Alarm lists," who were to be ready for military service at a minute's warning. And in their turn these Alarm lists followed the precedent set by the Suffolk and Middlesex regiments, which at the beginning of Philip's War were ordered by the General Court to "be ready to march on a moment's warning." Even before this time, as early as August 12, 1645, in anticipation of trouble with the Indians it was ordered that thirty men out of every hundred in the militia should be ready "at halfe an howers warning" for any service that they might be called upon to perform by their commanding officers.

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These various instances all contain the germ of the system. Thus it is seen that, for a period of a hundred and thirty years before the Revolution, the minute-man was a prime factor in both the Colonial and Provincial militia.

### *The Advance of the British Troops*

The news of the advance of the British troops on Lexington and Concord reached the village of Groton early in the morning of the Nineteenth, when word was sent at once to all parts of the town calling on the minute-men to rally on the Common in front of the Meeting-house. The alarm, probably, was a continuation of the one sent from Charlestown just before midnight, and reached Groton soon after sunrise. There is some reason to think that this intelligence was expected at that particular time, and that messengers were ready to carry it to the out-lying homes of the farmers. On April 17 it was voted by the Committees of Safety and of Supplies that the four six-pounders should be transported from Concord to Groton, and put under the care of Colonel Oliver Prescott; and on the next day it was also voted that certain ammunition, as well as a large number of tents, and two medicine chests, should be sent there for safe-keeping. As open hostilities began so soon afterward, there was probably no time to make the removal. The community was much agitated, and men were thoroughly aroused. The air was full of rumors, and nobody knew their source. They seemed to come by "grape-vine telegraph,"—as the expression was in the Union army during the War of the Rebellion.

Upon the recommendation of the Provincial Congress, two companies of minute-men had been enlisted in Groton. According to a printed sermon preached before them, on February 21, 1775, by the Reverend Samuel Webster, of Temple, New Hampshire, their officers at that time had been already chosen, and while there had been "heats"—as the minister expressed it—in other towns over the choice of

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officers, there had been none at Groton. Unfortunately, at a later period "heats," or contentions, did break out in one of these companies, as appears from an entry in Amos Farnsworth's diary, on April 26, 1775.

These two companies of minute-men had been expecting the call, and, true to their designation, were ready to march at short notice. On that eventful Nineteenth both companies — one of them under the command of Captain Henry Farwell, and the other under that of Captain Asa Lawrence — rallied on the Common. It is probable that by the middle of the forenoon they started for the scene of action. One of these companies bivouacked that night in Lexington, and it is very likely that the other did also. The intense excitement of a forced march, due not only to what they saw on the way, but to what they heard, speeded their steps, and there was no lagging on the road. They left their homes as British subjects, but came back as independent citizens, who never again knew the authority of a king.

According to tradition there were a few adventurous men who, after hearing the news of an English incursion, but before their knowledge of actual bloodshed, pushed on to Concord, independently of the military companies, and took part in the engagement at the North Bridge, and perhaps with the minute-men followed up the British grenadiers on their retreat. In confirmation of this tradition, see the "New Chapter in the History of the Concord Fight," which is printed later in this volume, and gives much circumstantial evidence on the subject.

The events of the Nineteenth brought political matters to a head. The hasty assemblage of military companies, which then rushed to the neighborhood of Boston, by no means formed an effective army. While the men and officers had the true martial spirit, they were undisciplined as well as inexperienced.

The Reverend George E. Ellis, D.D., in his "History of the Battle of Bunker's Hill," has well described the men who volunteered during this emergency.

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The yeomen of town and village had not come together at the summons of a commander-in-chief through adjutant, herald or advertisement. They came unbidden, at an alarm from the bell on their meeting-house, or from a post-rider, or from the telegrams transmitted by tongue and ear. And they came for what they were and as they were, with their light summer clothing, in shirt and frock and apron ; with what was left from their last meals in their pantries packed with a few " notions " in sack or pillow-case, and with the ducking-guns, fowling-pieces, or shaky muskets used in old times against the vermin and game in the woods and the Indian skulking in the thicket. And for the most part they were as free to go away as they had been to come. They were enlisted after a fashion, some prime conditions of which were their own convenience or pleasure (page 6 of the octavo edition).

The need of a thorough re-organization of these various bodies was felt both by the Committee of Safety and by the Provincial Congress ; and steps were taken at once by the authorities to consolidate the detached companies and skeleton commands, and to bring order out of chaos. According to the Muster-roll of Captain Henry Farwell's company, printed on page 13, re-enlistments began in his command on April 25 ; and presumably also in the other companies.

At this time a consolidation was made of Farwell's company with Captain James Hosley's company of minute-men from Townsend, an adjoining town. Probably a similar consolidation took place with other companies of like character as to neighborhood of homes, mutual acquaintance, etc. The minute-man had enlisted for a short and indefinite term of service, and, when the emergency was over, his part of the contract was fulfilled. The men whose names appear on the Muster-roll as having served only six days were those, presumably, who re-enlisted in Farwell's company, or in some of the other companies, and remained in the field near Boston. It is known that a few of them joined either Captain Asa Lawrence's company or Captain Joseph Moors's, which were enlisted for a period of eight months, or until

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the end of the year 1775. The men who are accredited on Farwell's roll of minute-men with seventy miles' travel are those, doubtless, who returned home soon after the reorganization.

After the consolidation of Farwell's company with Hosley's, the roll includes the names of a few men from other towns besides Groton and Townsend. Timothy Stone enlisted from Ashby; Peletiah Russell, from the Coös Country in New Hampshire, and later was a resident of Groton; Jonathan Sawtell, a native of Groton, from Rindge, New Hampshire; and Jeremiah Wier, from Limerick, the old name of Stoddard, New Hampshire.

Among the men who marched in Captain Farwell's company was Amos Farnsworth, who kept a diary from the time he left Groton until the end of October, when he was taken sick and went home. Mr. Farnsworth was a good type of the Middlesex yeomanry, and both by kinship and social intercourse was connected with some of the best families in the neighborhood. He was a fair representative of the average soldier of the period, being more of a patriot than a scholar; and during the times that tried men's souls this quality was of greater importance than a knowledge either of spelling or writing. The diary contains many little entries which throw much side-light on certain events. It is the only contemporary record which tells where the company bivouacked at the end of the first day's march, a fact of some interest to the descendants of the soldiers.

According to the diary, a Townsend member of Captain Farwell's company was wounded in a skirmish with the enemy near Chelsea, on May 27; and two days later there was a funeral in the same company, presumably that of the wounded man, but no name in connection therewith is mentioned. In the Return of Farwell's company, printed on page 16, it is said that William Smith, of Townsend, enlisted on April 19, and that he "Dyed at Cambridge May 29." In the roll, printed on page 15, he is accredited with only forty-one

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days' service, while most of the other men are accredited with ninety-eight days' service. According to their roll his pay stopped on May 29, which was the day of his death, according to the other roll. See Richard Frothingham's "Siege of Boston" (page 109), for an account of the skirmish, which agrees very closely with that given by Mr. Farnsworth; and see also Miss Sarah L. Bailey's "Historical Sketches of Andover" (page 311).

Without doubt William Smith was the first soldier from Townsend, killed by the enemy in the Revolution, and as the earliest victim to British bullets he deserves some special recognition on the part of that town, even at this late day.

John Burge, also of Townsend, and of the same company, died at Cambridge, presumably from disease, on June 3. See the Return of Farwell's company, on page 16.

Another interesting fact in connection with military usages crops out in the diary. Under date of Monday, June 7, the writer makes an entry, as follows:—"On monday my Brother [Benjamin] Came and took my Plase And on tusday about noon I Sot out on my jurney for home And Arived about ten at night." Again, under date of June 14, he says:—"on wednesday I Took Leve of Frinds And Rode to Cambridge And my Brother Came home."

These two entries seem to show that a man in the army, during the early days of the Revolution at least, could have a temporary substitute when absent; and the Muster-roll of the company furthermore shows that it could be done without loss of pay. In those times military discipline was at a low ebb.

### *Captain Henry Farwell*

Henry Farwell, the youngest child of William and Elizabeth Farwell, of Groton, was born on July 21, 1724. He had been a soldier during the French and Indian War. He also commanded a company at the Battle of Bunker Hill, where he was severely wounded. A musket ball passed through his

body and lodged near the spine, whence it was taken out soon after the fight.

Captain Farwell lived near the head of Farmers' Row, one or two hundred feet south of the little brook which runs toward Hazel Grove and forms the source of 'Tuity Brook. An old well near the site of the house is the only trace of the habitation now left. At this homestead he died on January 9, 1804.

Captain Farwell was married, first, on December 6, 1749, to Lydia, eldest child of Samuel and Lydia (Farnsworth) Tarbell; and, secondly, on June 3, 1761, to Sarah Taylor, of Westford, who died, according to her tombstone, on September 15, 1799, aged 66 years. By the first marriage there were three children, and by the second, four children. An entry in the Groton church records, under date of October 12, 1800, probably relates to him also, which would make a third marriage. It is as follows: — "Capt. Henry Farwell to Hannah Worster both of Groton." No papers are to be found in the Middlesex Probate Office at East Cambridge, which throw light on the name of his widow, if he left one. An anecdote told on page 61 of "The Jubilee of Lawrence Academy," refers to him, and not to Jonathan Farwell, as there given.

## *Captain Farwell's Bullet*

The following query was asked in the "Notes and Queries" department of the "Boston Evening Transcript," May 25, 1895, and an answer given in the issue of May 1, 1897.

(5873.) Captain Henry Farwell, who commanded a company of Minute Men from Groton at Bunker Hill, was severely wounded by a musket bullet that entered his body, lodging near his spine.

It was extracted the evening of that day, as recorded in Butler's "History of Groton" [page 268], and he engraved 1775 on the ball, leaving it as a precious relic.

A great-grandson of Captain Farwell's wishes to know who has possession of the engraved ball.

W. P. B.

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5837 [5873]. Concerning a musket ball that was extracted from the body of Captain Henry Farwell — Captain Henry Farwell was my great-grandfather. My father, James B. Farwell, had that ball in his possession after the death of my grandfather, Jonathan Farwell. During the absence of my father and mother the house was entered and the box containing the ball was stolen. My father never found it; 1775 was engraved on the ball. It was many years ago that it was stolen. If W. P. B. is a great-grandson of Captain Farwell, I would like to know who he is, as I have no relatives with those initials. There are grandsons by name of May.

If W. P. B. will write to me I will answer any questions concerning the ball.

C. J. F. P.

The initials "W. P. B." stand for William Phillips Brazer, of Lowell; and those of "C. J. F. P." for Mrs. Caroline J. Farwell Pettengill, the wife of Henry Emmons Pettengill, of Wilton, New Hampshire, a great-granddaughter of Captain Farwell, through her father, James Brazer Farwell, and her grandfather, Jonathan Farwell, who was youngest child of the old hero.

The Muster-roll of Captain Farwell's company of minute-men is found among the Revolutionary papers of the Massachusetts Archives (XII. 62) in the State House. A copy is given below, followed by another roll (Archives, XIV. 96) of his company, dated August 1, after its consolidation with Hosley's; and this again by a Return (Archives, LVI. 60), undated, but made in October, 1775.



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*A Muster-roll of Cap<sup>t</sup>. Henry Farwells Comp<sup>y</sup> of Minute-Men in Col<sup>l</sup>.  
W<sup>m</sup> Prescotts Reg<sup>t</sup>. who march'd from Groton y<sup>e</sup>. 19<sup>th</sup> of April 1775*

Mens Names	Their Rank	The time when march'd from home	N <sup>o</sup> of miles coming & going those y <sup>e</sup> . return'd	N <sup>o</sup> of days in the Service
Henry Farwell	Cap <sup>t</sup>	Ap <sup>l</sup> 19	..... miles	6 days
Zac <sup>h</sup> Fitch	1 <sup>st</sup> L <sup>t</sup>	d <sup>o</sup>	70	11
Amaziah Fassett	2 <sup>d</sup> L <sup>t</sup>	d <sup>o</sup>	70	11
Abel Bancroft	Serj <sup>t</sup>	d <sup>o</sup>	70	11
Jon <sup>s</sup> Stone	d <sup>o</sup>	d <sup>o</sup>	70	8
Neh <sup>l</sup> Lawrance	d <sup>o</sup>	d <sup>o</sup>	70	10
Josiah Stevens	d <sup>o</sup>	d <sup>o</sup>	.....	6
Nath <sup>l</sup> Sartell	Corp <sup>l</sup>	d <sup>o</sup>	.....	6
Phineas Hubbard	d <sup>o</sup>	d <sup>o</sup>	.....	6
Silas Page	d <sup>o</sup>	d <sup>o</sup>	70	4
Sam <sup>l</sup> Lawrence	d <sup>o</sup>	d <sup>o</sup>	.....	6
Joel Jenkins	Fifer	d <sup>o</sup>	.....	6
Amos Adams	Priv <sup>t</sup>	d <sup>o</sup>	70	10
James Adams	d <sup>o</sup>	d <sup>o</sup>	70	10
David Archabald	d <sup>o</sup>	d <sup>o</sup>	.....	16
Aaron Biglow	d <sup>o</sup>	d <sup>o</sup>	.....	6
Tho <sup>s</sup> Baker	d <sup>o</sup>	d <sup>o</sup>	.....	18
W <sup>m</sup> Colbourn	d <sup>o</sup>	d <sup>o</sup>	70	11
Josh <sup>a</sup> Davis	d <sup>o</sup>	d <sup>o</sup>	70	18
W <sup>m</sup> Farwell	d <sup>o</sup>	d <sup>o</sup>	70	5
Oliver Farnsworth	d <sup>o</sup>	d <sup>o</sup>	70	18
John Fife	d <sup>o</sup>	d <sup>o</sup>	70	14
Oliver Farnsworth j <sup>r</sup>	d <sup>o</sup>	d <sup>o</sup>	70	18
Amos Farnsworth	d <sup>o</sup>	d <sup>o</sup>	.....	6
Aaron Farnsworth	d <sup>o</sup>	d <sup>o</sup>	70	20
Sam <sup>l</sup> Heminway	d <sup>o</sup>	d <sup>o</sup>	70	10
Phineas Hemenway	d <sup>o</sup>	d <sup>o</sup>	.....	6
Obadiah Jenkins	d <sup>o</sup>	d <sup>o</sup>	.....	6
Jon <sup>s</sup> Jenkins	d <sup>o</sup>	d <sup>o</sup>	.....	6
David Jenkins	d <sup>o</sup>	d <sup>o</sup>	.....	6
Obadiah Jenkins j <sup>r</sup>	d <sup>o</sup>	d <sup>o</sup>	70	19

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Mens Names	Their Rank	The time when march'd from home	N <sup>o</sup> of miles coming & going those y <sup>e</sup> return'd	N <sup>o</sup> of days in the Service
Sam <sup>l</sup> Kemp	Priv <sup>a</sup>	Ap <sup>l</sup> 19	miles 70	10 days
Eph <sup>m</sup> Kemp	d <sup>o</sup>	d <sup>o</sup>	70	14
Will <sup>m</sup> Kemp	d <sup>o</sup>	d <sup>o</sup>	70	14
Eben <sup>r</sup> Kemp	d <sup>o</sup>	d <sup>o</sup>	. . . . .	6
John Laughton	d <sup>o</sup>	d <sup>o</sup>	70	10
Jon <sup>a</sup> Lawrence	d <sup>o</sup>	d <sup>o</sup>	70	15
Sam <sup>l</sup> Lawrence	d <sup>o</sup>	d <sup>o</sup>	70	5
Jon <sup>a</sup> Lawrence j <sup>r</sup>	d <sup>o</sup>	d <sup>o</sup>	70	18
Tim <sup>o</sup> Moors	d <sup>o</sup>	d <sup>o</sup>	. . . . .	6
Joseph Page	d <sup>o</sup>	d <sup>o</sup>	. . . . .	6
Benj <sup>a</sup> Page	d <sup>o</sup>	d <sup>o</sup>	70	13
Thomas Parks	d <sup>o</sup>	d <sup>o</sup>	. . . . .	6
John Parker	d <sup>o</sup>	d <sup>o</sup>	. . . . .	6
W <sup>m</sup> Phelps	d <sup>o</sup>	d <sup>o</sup>	. . . . .	6
Eph <sup>m</sup> Russell	d <sup>o</sup>	d <sup>o</sup>	. . . . .	6
Sam <sup>l</sup> Rockwood	d <sup>o</sup>	d <sup>o</sup>	70	14
Eph <sup>m</sup> Robbins	d <sup>o</sup>	d <sup>o</sup>	. . . . .	6
Sam <sup>l</sup> Sartell	d <sup>o</sup>	d <sup>o</sup>	70	14
Amos Stone	d <sup>o</sup>	d <sup>o</sup>	70	10
W <sup>m</sup> Shed	d <sup>o</sup>	d <sup>o</sup>	70	14
Jon <sup>a</sup> Sartell	d <sup>o</sup>	d <sup>o</sup>	. . . . .	6
Jonas Taylor	d <sup>o</sup>	d <sup>o</sup>	70	2
Abner Whetcomb	d <sup>o</sup>	d <sup>o</sup>	70	15
Ephraim Ward	d <sup>o</sup>	d <sup>o</sup>	70	10

HENRY FARWELL *Capt.*

Middlesex ss. Dec<sup>r</sup> 22<sup>d</sup> 1775.

Henry Farwell made solemn Oath that the above roll by him subscrib'd is just and true in all its parts

Before me MOSES GILL. *Jus. Peace thro' y<sup>e</sup> Colony*

Examin'd & compar'd with the Org<sup>l</sup>

E. STARKWEATHER } *Com<sup>r</sup>*

# Captain Henry Farwell

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In Council March 21<sup>th</sup> 1776

Read & allowed & ordered that a warrant

on the Treasury for £51 : 9/ 2¼ in full of this Roll

PEREZ MORTON D Secy

A true copy

G. TAILER

[Indorsed] Copy Groton Cap<sup>t</sup> Henry Farwell Muster-roll £51 " 9 " 2¼

(Massachusetts Archives, Revolutionary Papers, XII. 62)

*A muster Roll of the Company under the Comand of Captain  
Henery Farwell in Colenol Will Presotts Reg<sup>mt</sup> to the first of  
August 1775*

Mens Names	Towns whence they Came	Rank	Time of Inlistment	travel	time of servis
				miles	Days
Henry Farwell	Groton	Captain	April 25 <sup>th</sup>	35	98
Levi Whitney	Townshend	1 Leivt	April 25	44	98
Benja Ball	Townshend	2 Leut	Apriel 25	44	98
Josiah Stevens	Groton	Sergent	Apriel 25	35	98
Nathanill Sartwell	Groton	Sergent	Apriel 25	35	98
Phinas Hubburd	Groton	Sergent	Apriel 25	35	98
Ephraim Brown	Townshend	Sergent	April 25	44	98
Samuel Lawrence	Groton	Corprol	April 25	35	98
Amos Farnsworth	Groton	Corprol	April 25	35	98
Epharim Worran	Townshend	Corprol	April 25	44	98
Joseph Page	Groton	Corprol	April 25	35	98
Timothy Stone	Ashby	Drumer	July 19	50	13
Joel Jenkins	Groton	fifer	April 25	35	98
Ephraim Adams	Townshend	Privat	July 19	44	13
Benjamin Brooks	Townshend	D°	Aprile 25	44	98
Isaac Boyanton	Townshand	D°	Aprile 25	44	98
Eleaszer Butterfield	Townshand	D°	Aprile 25	44	98
Jonas Brooks	Grotton	D°	Aprile 25	35	98
John Clarke	Townshand	D°	Aprile 25	44	98
Moses Chase	Groton	D°	May 6	35	87
William Dirumphel	Groton	D°	Aprile 25	35	98

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Mens names	Towns whence they Came	Rank	Time of Inlistment	travel	time of servis
				miles	Days
James Davise	Groton	Privat	Aprile 25	35	98
Josiah Davise	Townshand	D°	Aprile 25	44	98
Henry Dunster	Townshand	D°	Aprile 25	44	98
Joel Davise	Townshand	D°	July 19	44	13
John Emary	Townshand	D°	Aprile 25	44	98
Jonas Farmer	Townshand	D°	Aprile 25	44	98
Joseph Frost	Groton	D°	May 6	35	86
Noah Farrah	Townshand	D°	Aprile 25	44	98
Abel Foster	Townshand	D°	Aprile 25	44	98
Daniel Foster	Groton	D°	Aprile 25	35	98
[Mori]ah Gould	Townshand	D°	Aprile 25	44	98
Oliver Hildrick	Townshand	D°	Aprile 25	44	98
Abijah Hildrick	Townshand	D°	Aprile 25	44	98
[O]badiah Jinkins	Groton	D°	Aprile 25	35	98
David Jinkins	Groton	D°	Aprile 25	35	98
Zakeous Farwell	Groton	D°	Aprile 25	35	98
Ebenezar Kemp	Groton	D°	Aprile 25	35	98
Isaac Kidder	Townshand	D°	Aprile 25	44	98
John Manning	Townshand	D°	Aprile 25	44	98
Henry McNeel	Groton	D°	May 15	35	78
Timothy Moors	Groton	D°	Aprile 25	35	98
[Jon]athan Patt	Townshand	D°	Aprile 25	44	98
[Josiah] Richardson	Townshand	D°	Aprile 25	44	98
Peltiah Russell	Coas	D°	May 6	180	87
Joseph Rumral	Townshand	D°	Aprile 25	44	98
Ephriam Russell	Groton	D°	Aprile 25	35	98
Ephriam Robbins	Groton	D°	Aprile 25	35	98
Abel Richardson	Townshand	D°	Aprile 25	44	98
Andrew Richardson	Townshand	D°	Aprile 25	44	98
[I]sreal Richardson	Townshand	D°	July 19	44	13
[J]onathan Seartle	Ringe	D°	Aprile 25	60	98
Daniel Spaulding	Townshand	D°	Aprile 25	44	98
Daniel Sherwin	Townshand	D°	Aprile 25	44	98
Joseph Willson	Townshand	D°	Aprile 25	44	98

# Captain Henry Farwell

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Mens names	Towns whence they Came	Rank	Time of Inlistment	travel	time of servis
				miles	Days
[Fr]ances White	Groton	Privat	May 6	35	87
[Jerem]iah Wier	Limbrick	D°	Aprile 25	96	98
[Ur]ial Whitney	Groton	D°	Aprile 25	44	98
[J]osiah Warrin	Groton	D°	May 2	35	91
Tho <sup>s</sup> Wyman	Townshand	D°	Aprile 25	44	98
Oliver Warrin	Townshand	D°	Aprile 25	44	98
Will <sup>m</sup> Smith	Townshand	D°	Aprile 25	44	41
John Burge	Townshand	D°	Aprile 25	44	46
Sam <sup>l</sup> Weston	Townshand	D°	Aprile 25	44	98
Jonathan Jinkins	Groton	D°	Aprile 25	35	60
Asa White	Groton	D°	May 6	35	53

In Council Feb<sup>y</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> 1776 Read & allowed &  
ord<sup>d</sup> that a Warr<sup>t</sup> be drawn on y<sup>e</sup> Treas<sup>r</sup> for  
327. 3. 5 in full of this roll

PEREZ MORTON D Sec<sup>r</sup>

[Indorsed] Cap<sup>t</sup> Henry Farwells Roll in Col<sup>o</sup> Prescotts Reg<sup>t</sup> £327: 3: 5 for  
1775

(Massachusetts Archives, Revolutionary Papers, XIV. 96)

*A Return of Capten Henry Farwells Company being the first Com-  
pany in the 10<sup>th</sup> Regiment in the Continental Army Commanded  
by Colonel W<sup>m</sup> Prescott of all those Deceast Since its Establish-  
ment & those on Command to Quebeck & each Mans Place of Resi-  
dence when Enlisted & when deserted or Discharged*

[October, 1775.]

Colonel W <sup>m</sup> Prescott	Place of Residence	Pepperill	Engagd April 19 <sup>th</sup>
Leut Coll John Robinson	D°	westford	Engagd April 19 <sup>th</sup>
Major Henry Woods	D°	Pepperill	Engagd April 19 <sup>th</sup>
Adjutant W <sup>m</sup> green	Residence	Pepperil	Engagd Ap <sup>l</sup> 19
Surgeon John hart	D°	Georgetown	Engagd April y <sup>e</sup> 23
Surg <sup>a</sup> Mate Abraham Parley		gloster	Engagd Aug <sup>t</sup> y <sup>e</sup> 4 <sup>th</sup>
Q <sup>r</sup> Master Zac <sup>h</sup> Longley	D°	Groton	Engagd April 19

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Sergt Josiah Stevens	Residence	groton	Eng <sup>d</sup> April 19 <sup>th</sup>
Sergt Nath Sartell	Residence	groton	April 19 <sup>th</sup>
Sergt Phin <sup>s</sup> Hobbart	Residence	groton	April 19 <sup>th</sup>
Sergt Eph <sup>m</sup> Brown	Residence	townshend	Ap <sup>l</sup> 19 <sup>th</sup>
Corp <sup>l</sup> Sam <sup>l</sup> Lawrence	Residence	groton	April 19
Corp <sup>l</sup> Amos farnsworth	Residence	groton	April 19
Corp <sup>l</sup> Eph <sup>m</sup> Warren	Residence	townshend	D <sup>o</sup> 19
Corp <sup>l</sup> Jos <sup>h</sup> Page	Residence	groton	D <sup>o</sup> 19 <sup>th</sup>
tim <sup>o</sup> Stone	Residence	Ashby	July 19 <sup>th</sup>
Joel Jinkings		groton	April 19

Mens Names	on Command Dead deserted or discharged	When Enlisted
Cap <sup>t</sup> Henry Farwell	Groton	April 19 Present
1 Lieut Levi Whitney	Townshend	D <sup>o</sup> 19 D <sup>o</sup>
2 Lieut Ben <sup>s</sup> Ball	Townshend	D <sup>o</sup> 19 D <sup>o</sup>
Eph <sup>m</sup> Adams	Townshend	July 19 Sick absent
Benj <sup>s</sup> Brooks	Townshend	April 19 Present
Isaace Boynton	Townshend	D <sup>o</sup> 19 D <sup>o</sup>
Eleazer Buterfield	Townshend	D <sup>o</sup> 19 D <sup>o</sup>
Jonas Brooks	Groton	D <sup>o</sup> 19 D <sup>o</sup>
John Clark	Townshend	D <sup>o</sup> 19 D <sup>o</sup>
Moses Chase	Groton	May 6 D <sup>o</sup>
W <sup>m</sup> Derumple	Groton	April 19 D <sup>o</sup>
James Davis	Groton	D <sup>o</sup> 19 D <sup>o</sup>
Josiah Davis	Townshend	D <sup>o</sup> 19 D <sup>o</sup>
Henry Dunster	Mason	D <sup>o</sup> 19 D <sup>o</sup>
Joel Davis	Townshend	July 19 D <sup>o</sup>
John Emery	Townshend	April 19 D <sup>o</sup>
Zacheu <sup>s</sup> Farwell	Groton	D <sup>o</sup> 19 D <sup>o</sup>
Jonas Farmer	Townshend	D <sup>o</sup> 19 D <sup>o</sup>
Joseph Frost	Groton	May 6 D <sup>o</sup>
Noah Farrar	Townshend	April 19 D <sup>o</sup>
Abel Foster	Townshend	D <sup>o</sup> 19 D <sup>o</sup>
Dan <sup>l</sup> Foster	Groton	D <sup>o</sup> 19 D <sup>o</sup>
Moriah Goold	Groton	D <sup>o</sup> 19 D <sup>o</sup>
Oliver Hildreth	Westford	D <sup>o</sup> 19 D <sup>o</sup>
Uriel Whitney	Groton	D <sup>o</sup> 19 D <sup>o</sup>
Josiah Warren	Groton	D <sup>o</sup> 19 D <sup>o</sup>
W <sup>m</sup> Smith	Townshend Dyed at Cambridge May 29	D <sup>o</sup> 19 Dead
John Burge	Townshend Died at cambridge June 3 <sup>d</sup>	D <sup>o</sup> 19

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Mens Names	on Command Dead deserted or discharged	When Enlisted
Jon <sup>t</sup> Jenkins	Groton Died at Charleston June 17	April 19
Abijah Hildreth	Townshend	April 19 Sick absent
Obediah Jenkins	Groton	D <sup>o</sup> 19 Present
David Jenkins	Groton	D <sup>o</sup> 19 Sick at the hospital
Eben <sup>r</sup> keemp	Groton	D <sup>o</sup> 19 Present
Isaace Kidder	Townshend	D <sup>o</sup> 19 D <sup>o</sup>
John Manning	Townshend	D <sup>o</sup> 19 D <sup>o</sup>
Henry <sup>mac</sup> Neal	Groton	D <sup>o</sup> 19 D <sup>o</sup>
Tim <sup>o</sup> moors	Groton	D <sup>o</sup> 19 D <sup>o</sup>
Jon <sup>a</sup> Patts	Townshend	D <sup>o</sup> 19 D <sup>o</sup>
Josiah Richardson	Townshend	D <sup>o</sup> 19 D <sup>o</sup>
Peltiah Russell	Groton	May 6 D <sup>o</sup> in the artificers
Joseph Rumrill	Townshend	April 19 Present
Eph <sup>m</sup> Russell	Groton	D <sup>o</sup> 19 D <sup>o</sup>
Eph <sup>m</sup> Robins	Groton	D <sup>o</sup> 19 D <sup>o</sup>
Abel Richardson	Townshend	D <sup>o</sup> 19 D <sup>o</sup>
Andre <sup>w</sup> Richardson	Townshend	D <sup>o</sup> 19 D <sup>o</sup>
Israel Richardson	Townshend	July 19 D <sup>o</sup>
Jon <sup>s</sup> Sartell	Groton	April 19 D <sup>o</sup>
Dan <sup>ll</sup> Spaulding	Townshend	D <sup>o</sup> 19 Sick at home
Dan <sup>ll</sup> Sherwin	Townshend	D <sup>o</sup> 19 Present
Sam <sup>ll</sup> Wesson	Townshend	D <sup>o</sup> 19 Wounded Present
Joseph Willson	Townshend	D <sup>o</sup> 19 Present
Francis White	Groton	May 6 D <sup>o</sup>
Jarem <sup>h</sup> Wyer	Chelmsford	April 19 D <sup>o</sup>
Oliver Warren	Townshend	D <sup>o</sup> 19 Dyed at Cambridge Aug. 11
Thomas Wyman	Townshend	D <sup>o</sup> 19 Discharged August 11
Asa White	Groton Inlisted May y <sup>e</sup> 6	Discharged June 27
	Aron Bigelow April 19	Listed in the train may 27
	Dudley Keemp	D <sup>o</sup> 19 Listed in the train June 3

HENRY FARWELL *Capt*

[Indorsed] Cap<sup>t</sup> Farwell

(Massachusetts Archives, Revolutionary Papers, LVI. 60)

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### *Captain Asa Lawrence*

Asa Lawrence, the youngest son of Peleg and Ruth (Brooks) Lawrence, of Groton, was born on June 14, 1737. He was married, on July 27, 1757, to Abigail King, of Littleton; and they had ten children. He died at Groton, on January 16, 1804; and his widow, at Claremont, New Hampshire, on June 12, 1829, aged ninety-three years. After the death of her husband she made her home in the family of her youngest daughter, Mrs. Abigail Dimond, who lived in that town.

During the latter part of his life, Captain Lawrence dwelt in the north part of the town where he ended his days; but at the breaking out of the Revolution he was living on what is now known as the Lowell Road, about a mile from the First Parish Meeting-house. Like Captain Farwell he commanded a company of Groton Minute-men on April 19; and it is somewhat singular that these two Revolutionary veterans should have lived for a generation after the dangers of a military campaign, and then have died within a week of each other.

*A Muster roll of the several Persons that march'd from Groton to Head Quarters at Cambridge on y<sup>e</sup> 19<sup>th</sup> April 1775. on y<sup>e</sup> Alarm &c. as a Company of minute-men under the Command of Cap<sup>t</sup>. Asa Lawrence*

Mens Names	Rank	Travel out & home	Days	
		miles		
Ezekiel Fletcher	2 <sup>d</sup> Lt	70	11	
Josiah Hobart	Serj <sup>t</sup>	70	16	
W <sup>m</sup> Derumple	d <sup>o</sup>	70	15	
Arthur Dennes	d <sup>o</sup>	70	12	
Ephr <sup>m</sup> Nash	Corp <sup>l</sup>	70	16	



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Mens Names	Rank	Travel out & home	Days	
		miles		
Sam <sup>l</sup> Boyden	Corp <sup>l</sup>	70	12	
W <sup>m</sup> Nutting	d <sup>o</sup>	70	21	
James Wood	Priv <sup>t</sup>	70	14	
Phineas Parker	d <sup>o</sup>	70	9	
John Graves	d <sup>o</sup>	70	15	
Benj <sup>t</sup> Patch	d <sup>o</sup>	70	15	
Jon <sup>t</sup> Peirce	d <sup>o</sup>	70	10	
Jon <sup>t</sup> Nutting	d <sup>o</sup>	70	15	
David Wood	d <sup>o</sup>	70	8	
Amasa Gilson	d <sup>o</sup>	70	14	
Amos Wood	d <sup>o</sup>	70	14	
John Thompson	d <sup>o</sup>	70	10	
Dan <sup>l</sup> Gilson	d <sup>o</sup>	70	12	
Dan <sup>l</sup> Wood	d <sup>o</sup>	70	9	
Isaac Nutting	d <sup>o</sup>	70	14	
John Procter	d <sup>o</sup>	70	6	
Benj <sup>t</sup> Parker	D <sup>o</sup>	70	6	
Benj <sup>t</sup> Prescott	D <sup>o</sup>	70	21	

*A Muster roll of the several Persons that march'd to Head Quarters  
at Cambridge on y<sup>e</sup>. 19<sup>th</sup> April 1775. on y<sup>e</sup>. Alarm &c. & enlisted  
under Cap<sup>t</sup>. Asa Lawrence into the Continental Army*

Mens Names	Rank	Days		
Asa Lawrence	Cap <sup>t</sup>	6		
Oliver Parker	1 <sup>st</sup> L <sup>t</sup>	11		
John Williams	Serj <sup>t</sup>	6		
Oliver Patch	Corp <sup>l</sup>	6		
Asa Porter	Priv <sup>t</sup>	6		
Joel Porter	d <sup>o</sup>	6		

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Mens Names	Rank	Days		
Ezek <sup>l</sup> Nutting	Priv <sup>t</sup>	6		
Abr <sup>t</sup> Blood	d <sup>o</sup>	6		
Jacob Williams	d <sup>o</sup>	6		
Lem <sup>l</sup> Blood	d <sup>o</sup>	6		
Eleazer Flagg	d <sup>o</sup>	6		
Rob <sup>l</sup> Parker	d <sup>o</sup>	6		
Elisha Hoit	d <sup>o</sup>	6		
Lem <sup>l</sup> Parker	d <sup>o</sup>	6		
Sol <sup>o</sup> Gilson	d <sup>o</sup>	6		
Jon <sup>a</sup> Calbourn	d <sup>o</sup>	6		
Benj <sup>a</sup> Blood	d <sup>o</sup>	6		
Eleaz <sup>r</sup> Green j <sup>r</sup>	d <sup>o</sup>	6		
John Ames j <sup>r</sup>	d <sup>o</sup>	6		
Jon <sup>a</sup> Wood	d <sup>o</sup>	6		
Jon <sup>a</sup> Capron	d <sup>o</sup>	6		
W <sup>m</sup> Derumple	d <sup>o</sup>	6		
David Prescott	d <sup>o</sup>	6		

OLIVER PARKER 1<sup>st</sup> L<sup>t</sup>

Middlesex ss. Watertown Mar: 14<sup>th</sup> 1776

The Cap<sup>t</sup> Asa Lawrence being sick, Oliver Parker y<sup>e</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> L<sup>t</sup> made solemn Oath that this roll by him subscrib'd is true in all its parts according to the best of his Knowledge

[Signature faded out.]

In Council Feb<sup>r</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> 1776 Read & allow'd & ordered that a Warr<sup>t</sup> be drawn on the Treas<sup>r</sup> for 41.6.3½ in full of this Roll

PEREZ MORTON

*D Secr*

Examined & Compared with the Original & it agreed therewith

JOSIAH JOHNSON } Committee  
JONAS DIX }

[Indorsed] Groton Copy Cap<sup>t</sup> Asa Lawrence's Muster-roll

(Massachusetts Archives, Revolutionary Papers, XII. 174)

# Captain Asa Lawrence

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*A MUSTER-ROLL of the Company under the Command of Captain Asa Lawrence in Colonel W<sup>m</sup> Prescotts Regiment, to the first of August, 1775.*

Men's Names.	Towns whence they came.	Rank.	Time of Inlistment.	Travell.	Time of Service.
Asa Lawrence	Groton	Captain	April 25	35	Day 98
Joseph Spaulding	Pepperrell	1 Lieu <sup>tn</sup>	April 30	40	49
John Williams	Groton	2 Lieu <sup>tn</sup>	April 25	35	98
Thomas Spaulding	Pepperrell	Sergant	April 28	40	95
Obadiah Wetherrell	Georgetown	Sergant	April 25	170	98
Samuel Gilson	Pepperrell	Sergant	April 25	40	98
Oliver Patch	Groton	Sergant	April 25	35	98
Lemuel Parker	Groton	Corporal	April 25	35	98
Joseph Shed	Pepperrell	Corporal	April 25	40	98
Jonathan Stevens	Pepperrell	Corporal	April 25	40	98
Samuel Farley	Pepperrell	Corporal	April 25	40	98
Levi Parker	Winslowtown	Drummer	April 25	200	98
Lemuel Parker Jr	Groton	fifer	June 10	35	51
Elisha Hoit	Groton	Private	April 25	35	98
John Ames	Groton	D <sup>o</sup>	April 25	35	98
Benjamin Blood	Groton	D <sup>o</sup>	April 25	35	98
Jonathan Boyden	Pepperrell	D <sup>o</sup>	April 25	40	98
James Bowers	Pepperrell	D <sup>o</sup>	April 25	40	98
Lemuel Blood	Groton	D <sup>o</sup>	April 25	35	98
Jonathan Capron	Groton	D <sup>o</sup>	April 25	35	98
Jonathan Colburn	Groton	D <sup>o</sup>	April 25	35	98
Nathan Cory	Groton	D <sup>o</sup>	April 25	35	98
Eleazer Green	Groton	D <sup>o</sup>	April 25	35	98
Samuel Green	Pepperrell	D <sup>o</sup>	April 25	40	98
Simeon Green	Pepperrell	D <sup>o</sup>	April 25	40	98
Solomon Gilson	Groton	D <sup>o</sup>	April 25	35	98
David Hason	Groton	D <sup>o</sup>	April 25	35	98
Jeremiah Hobart	Groton	D <sup>o</sup>	April 25	35	98
Benjamin Jewett	Pepperrell	D <sup>o</sup>	April 25	40	98
John Kilburn	Groton	D <sup>o</sup>	April 30	35	93
Jonathan Lewis	Pepperrell	D <sup>o</sup>	April 25	40	98
Josiah Lakin	Groton	D <sup>o</sup>	April 25	35	98
Samuel Lovejoy	Pepperrell	D <sup>o</sup>	April 25	40	98
Simon Lakin	Pepperrell	D <sup>o</sup>	April 25	40	98

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Men's Names	Towns whence they came.	Rank.	Time of Inlistment.	Travell.	Time of Service.
					Day
Abel Nutting	Groton	Private	April 25	35	98
Ezekiel Nutting	Groton	D <sup>o</sup>	April 25	35	98
Ephraim Nutting	Groton	D <sup>o</sup>	April 25	35	98
Asa Porter	Groton	D <sup>o</sup>	April 25	35	98
Benjamin Pierce	Groton	D <sup>o</sup>	April 25	35	98
David Prescott	Groton	D <sup>o</sup>	April 25	35	98
Eleazer Parker	Pepperrell	D <sup>o</sup>	April 25	40	98
Joel Porter	Groton	D <sup>o</sup>	April 25	35	98
Daniel Shed	Raby	D <sup>o</sup>	April 25	50	98
John Shiply	Groton	D <sup>o</sup>	April 25	35	98
Eleazer Spaulding	Pepperrell	D <sup>o</sup>	April 25	40	98
Nathl Shattuck	Groton	D <sup>o</sup>	April 25	35	98
Jonas Tarbel	Groton	D <sup>o</sup>	April 30	35	93
David Wetherbee	Pepperrell	D <sup>o</sup>	April 25	40	98
Jonathan Woods	Groton	D <sup>o</sup>	April 25	35	98
Jacob Williams	Groton	D <sup>o</sup>	April 25	35	98
Ruben Woods	Groton	Do	April 25	35	98
Simeon Williams	Groton	D <sup>o</sup>	April 25	35	98
Nehemiah Parker	Groton	D <sup>o</sup>	April 30	35	93
Thomas Lawrence	Pepperrell	D <sup>o</sup>	April 25	40	98
Steven Foster	Groton	D <sup>o</sup>	April 25	35	98
Abraham Blood	Groton	D <sup>o</sup>	April 25	35	54
James Dodge	Groton	D <sup>o</sup>	April 25	35	98
Benjamin Wood	Pepperrell	D <sup>o</sup>	April 25	40	54
Simon Hobart	Groton	D <sup>o</sup>	April 25	35	90
Robart Parker	Groton	Do	April 25	35	63
Robart Bize	Newipswich	D <sup>o</sup>	April 25	55	62

L<sup>t</sup> John Williams the 2 L<sup>t</sup> Till the 17 of June & from that Time the 1 L<sup>t</sup>

Sergeant Tho<sup>s</sup> Spaulding a Sergeant Till the 17 of June & from that Time the 2 L<sup>t</sup>

Corporal Lemuel Parker a Corporal Till the 17 of June & from that Time a Sergeant

Elisha Hoit a Private Till Till [*sic*] the 17 of June & from that Time a Corporal

# Captain Asa Lawrence

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the Whole amount of this Roll is four hundred fifty two pound seventeen shillings and Nine pence Deduction one hundred fifty six pound seven and nine pence

Ballence Due two hundred Ninty six pounds ten shillings

atest NATHAN WOOD

In Council Jan<sup>y</sup> 30 1776 Read & allowed and ordered that a warrant be drawn on the Treas<sup>r</sup> for £298:9:11¼ in full of the within Roll

PEREZ MORTON

*Dp<sup>r</sup> Secr*

Cap<sup>t</sup> Asa Lawrences Muster Roll Co<sup>t</sup> Prescotts Reg<sup>t</sup>

Examined by N Wood

[Indorsed] Cap<sup>t</sup> Asa Lawrence Roll in Col<sup>t</sup> Prescott Reg<sup>t</sup> £298:9:11¼

(Massachusetts Archives, Revolutionary Papers, XV. 55)

OCTOBER 6 y<sup>e</sup> 1775

*A return of Cap<sup>t</sup> Asa Lawrences Compenny in Colonal W<sup>m</sup> Prescott  
Rigement*

	Cap <sup>t</sup> Asa Lawrence	Place of Residence	grotton
	Leu <sup>t</sup> 1 <sup>d</sup> John Williams	D <sup>o</sup>	grotton
	Leu <sup>t</sup> 2 <sup>d</sup> Thomis Spaulding		Pepperell
Obadiah Wetherell Sam <sup>n</sup> Gilson Residence Oliver Patch Lem <sup>n</sup> Parker	Sargnts	Pepperell Pepperell Grotton Grotton	
Joseph Shed Jonathan Steavens Sam <sup>n</sup> Farley Elisha Hoit	Corprels	Pepperell Residence D <sup>o</sup> D <sup>o</sup> grotton	
Levi Parker Lem <sup>n</sup> Parker		Residence Westford Grotton	Drum <sup>r</sup> fife

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Privates	Resedance	Privates	Residence
John ames	Groton	Asa Porter	Groton
Benj <sup>a</sup> Blood	Groton	Benj <sup>a</sup> Peirce Sept on Com-	Groton
Jonathan Boiden	Pepperell	mand Quebec.	
Lem <sup>a</sup> Blood absent	Groton	David Prescott	Groton
James Bowers	Pepperell	Eleazer Parker	Groton
Jonathan Capron	Groton	Joel Porter	Groton
Jonathan Colburn	Groton	Nehem <sup>i</sup> Parker	Groton
Nathan Cory	Groton	Dan <sup>n</sup> Shed	Raby
Eleaz <sup>r</sup> Green	Groton	John Shipley	Groton
Sam <sup>n</sup> Green	Pepperell	Eleazer Spaulding	Pepperell
Semion Green	Pepperell	Nath <sup>n</sup> Shattuck absent	Groton
Solomon Gilson	Groton	Jonas Tarbell	Pepperell
David Hason	Groton	David Wetherbee	Pepperell
Jareemiah Hobart absent	Groton	Jonath <sup>n</sup> Woods	Groton
Benj <sup>a</sup> Jewett	Pepperell	Jacob Williams	Groton
John Kilburn	Littleton	Ruben Woods	Groton
Jonathn Lewis	Pepperell	Semion Williams	Groton
Josiah Lakin	Groton		
Thomis Lawrence	Pepperell	Kiled in batle on 17 of June	
Sam <sup>n</sup> Louejoy	Pepperell	Last or tak <sup>en</sup>	
Simon Lakin Discharged	Pepperell	Leu <sup>t</sup> Joseph Spaulding	Pepperell
Sept. 21		Steauen foster	Groton
Abel Nutting	Groton	Abraham Blood	Groton
Ezekil Nutting	Groton	James Dodge	Groton
Eph <sup>m</sup> Nutting absent	Groton	Benj <sup>a</sup> Wood	Pepperell
		Simon Hobart Died July 24	Groton

[Indorsed] Asa Lawrence Cap<sup>t</sup>

(Massachusetts Archives, Revolutionary Papers, LVI. 61)

### *Capt. Asa Lawrence's Company*

The following affidavit, made by William Adams, of Chelmsford, is found among the Revolutionary papers of the Massachusetts Archives (LV., File H, No. 1) in the volume marked on the back "Worcester Rolls Parcels 2nd. & Mixed Rolls Vol. 2." It gives some interesting facts concerning the service of Captain Lawrence's company; and the roll is, so far

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as I am aware, the only list extant of the company at that period. There is reason to think that Ephraim Parker was a member, though his name does not appear with the others. Pomp Phillis, one of the privates, was a negro ; then all colors, red, white or black, were warmly welcomed by the patriots.

William Adams of Chelmsford in the County of Middlesex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, in the seventy ninth year of my age, do testify and say that I rendered service in the Revolutionary War, that I now receive a Pension for survices thus rendered ; That in the first part of the Summer of 1778 I enlisted and went to West Point, the Company that I belonged to was Cap<sup>t</sup> Asa Lawrence Company of Groton, the regiment was commanded by Co<sup>l</sup> Poor of Andover or Methuen, some part of our service was rendered at White Plains and Peekskill, this was an eight monthes service, we received our Discharges in the month of February 1779. the Company was commanded principally by the first Lieutenant John Flint of Tukesbury, this Company was made up of men from Groton Chelmsford Bilerica Tukesbury, and other Towns in this vicinity, and I further testify that I have carefully examined the Role of Capt Asa Lawrence Company *hereto attached* and the principle part of the names born on this Roll are famillier to me, and many of the mens names, born on this Rolle are persons which I am certain were with me in the eight monthes service as above described, and I have no doubt but what it is an *original* Roll of the Company which I rendered service in as above described,

W<sup>m</sup> ADAMS



Commonwealth of Massachusetts,

Middlesex ss. . Chelmsford April 23 = 1841 = then Personally appeared the above named William Adams, well known to me to be a person of sound mind, and veracity, made Oath that the above affidavit by him subscribed is true,

Before Me

BENJ<sup>n</sup> ADAMS *Justice of the Peace*

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A Roal of Cap:  
Asa Lawrances Company }  
in Co! Poor's Reg<sup>t</sup>

Cap! Asa Lawrance }	Alpheus Hill
Lieu! John Flint }	James Haseltine
Lieu! Moses Barker }	Isaac Holden
Sarg! Peter Hunt }	Jeffery Hartwell
Sarg! Edward Farmer }	Daniel Hacket
Sarg! John Pushe }	John Hall
Sarg! Nathan Coburn }	James Karr
Corp! Ephraim Smith }	Abner Kent
Corp! Benjamin Patch }	John Lock
Corp! Ebenezer Sawyer }	Abraham Merium
Moses Ames	Oliver Perham
William Adams	Ezra Porter
Asa Barker	Joel Porter
Reuben Baldwin	Ezra Porter j <sup>r</sup>
John Baley	Pomp Phillis
Thomas Brown	Peter Parker
Eliezer Bartlet	Isaac Powers
Timothy Bolten	Peter Runnel
Joseph Barron	Benjamin Sartil
Simeon Cory	Michael Sartil
Joseph Dows	Philip Spaulding
John Eaton	Ebenezer Stone
Samuel Farmer	William Whiting
James Green	

### *Captain Josiah Sartell*

Josiah Sartell, the second son of Nathaniel and Mary Sartell, was born probably in England about the year 1710. His father was an English mariner who came to Groton from Charlestown. The son married Mary Green, — by which union there were four children, two sons and two daughters, who all died in their minority, — and they lived on Chicopee Row.



## Captain Josiah Sartell

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At the time of his death he willed to the town his homestead farm together with an adjoining one, besides some other property. The proceeds arising from the sale of these lands now form a large part of the Groton Ministerial Fund. The men of his company for the most part lived in the northerly and easterly quarters of the town. Captain Sartell was one of the Committee of Correspondence for Groton, and during three years (1775-1777) was a member of the General Court.

About twenty-five years ago his gravestone was removed from the old burying-ground to the new cemetery; and the epitaph reads as follows: —

JOSIAH SARTELL ESQ.

died Aug<sup>t</sup> 30<sup>th</sup> 1784. aged 74

MARY SARTELL his widow, died

March 30<sup>th</sup> 1790. aged 80.

and their Children who died in minority

NATHANIEL SARTELL ESQ. his

father, who died Jan<sup>y</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> 1741. aged 60

ABIGAIL GREEN her sister, who

died Dec<sup>r</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> 1790. aged 83.

and other relations.

*From death's arrest no age is free.*

Owing to the slight difference in surnames, there is some confusion in regard to the Sartell and Sawtell families formerly resident in Groton. I am inclined to think, however, that they belonged to the same stock, and that the variation in the name was simply a matter of pronunciation.

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*A Muster roll of the Several persons that marched from Groton to Head quarters at Cambridge on the nineteenth day of April A D 1775. on the Alarm under the command of Josiah Sartell Capt. Viss.*

Mens names	quality	Miles out & home	days
Josiah Sartell	Capt	70	17½
Job Shattuck	Lieut	70	16
Shattuck Blood	Lieut	70	11
Benj. Green	Serj	70	14
Benj. Lawrence	Serj	70	19
Solomon Woods	Serj	70	3
James Lawrence	Serj	80	8
Jacob Patch	Corp	70	15
Jacob Parker	Corp	70	14
Jon <sup>a</sup> Worster	Corp	70	16
Eleaz <sup>r</sup> Spaulding	Corp	80	11
John Hugh	priv	70	14
Caleb Woods		70	6
Jason Williams		70	14
Daniel Williams		70	15
James Sheple		70	17
Isaac Lawrence		70	12
Asa Porter		70	9
Joel Porter		70	9
John Sheple j <sup>r</sup>		70	14
W <sup>m</sup> Farwell		70	9
Oliver Lakin		70	14
Sam <sup>l</sup> Gragg		70	19
Nath Woods		70	12
John Nutting jr		70	12
Edm Blood		70	14
John Hazen		70	11
Benj <sup>a</sup> Hazen		70	14
John Lawrence		70	9

# Captain Josiah Sartell

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Mens names	quality	Miles out & home	days	
Ezek Nutting	private	70	9	
Sam Worster		70	16	
Francis Worcester		70	9	
Abr <sup>d</sup> Blood		70	14	
W <sup>m</sup> Tuckerman		70	10	
Daniel Woods		70	9	
John Gragg		70	14	
Peter Blood		70	14	
James Blood jr		70	5	
David Lakin		70	11	
Levi Parker		70	11	
David Shead		80	14	
John Shattuck		80	5	
Jon <sup>d</sup> Stevens		80	10	
Jon <sup>d</sup> Boyden		80	11	
Jon <sup>d</sup> Shiple		80	5	
W <sup>m</sup> Spaulding		80	14	
David Wright		80	10	
Jon <sup>d</sup> Woods		70	9	
Winslow Parker		70	9	

Each person borne on this Roll bore his expence out and home and whilst in Camp excepting two days allowance drawed out of the Common Store, So that no Innholders have any demands on the Colony or person in this Role

A true Role Errors excepted *W* JOSIAH SARTELL *Capt<sup>n</sup>*

Colony of the Massachusetts bay March 19. 1776

Capt<sup>n</sup> Josiah Sartell abovenamed made Solemn Oath to the truth of the above Roll by him Subscribed according to the best of his knowlege.

Before SAM<sup>l</sup> HOLTEN *Jus peace thro' the Colony*

Compared with the Original and therewith agrees.

JN<sup>o</sup> TURNER } *Com<sup>rs</sup>*  
E. STARKWEATHER }

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In Council April 8<sup>th</sup> 1776.

Read & Allowed & thereupon Ordered that a warrant be drawn on the Treas<sup>r</sup> for £61 " 2 " 1 in full discharge of the within role

JOHN LOWELL *Dp<sup>r</sup> Sec<sup>r</sup> PT*

[Indorsed] Groton Cap<sup>t</sup> Josiah Sartell Roll Copy £61 " 2 " 1

(Massachusetts Archives, Revolutionary Papers, XIII. 89.)

### *Captain John Sawtell*

John Sawtell was the youngest child of Ephraim and Abigail (Farnsworth) Sawtell, and was born on April 18, 1729. He died on December 23, 1790. His epitaph in the old burying-ground reads as follows:—

[*Cherub's Head.*]

ERECTED

In Memory of

Cap<sup>t</sup> John Sawtell,

who departed this Life

Dec<sup>r</sup> y<sup>e</sup> 23<sup>d</sup> A<sup>D</sup> 1790.

Aged 61<sup>½</sup> years 8

months and 5 days.

The following notice among the list of Deaths in the "Daily Evening Transcript" (Boston), May 9, 1853, may give a clew as to his family:—

At East Salem, Washington Co., N. Y. April 1st, in his 88th year, EBENEZER HARRIS, a native of Brooklyn, Ct. His wife, with whom he had lived in the married state for 68 years, was a daughter of John Sawtell, of Groton, Mass, who fought at Bunker Hill.

# Captain John Sawtell

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*A Muster roll of the Comp<sup>y</sup> in the Colony of the Mass<sup>ts</sup>. Service which march'd from Groton & Pep<sup>r</sup>il on the 19<sup>th</sup> of April 1775. and was under the Command of Cap<sup>t</sup>. John Sawtell, in Col<sup>l</sup>. James Prescotts Regiment*

Towns	Mens Names	Quality	miles out & home	Days in Service	
Groton	John Sawtell	Cap <sup>t</sup>	60	20½	
Pep <sup>r</sup> il	Thomas Wright	Ens <sup>n</sup>	80	18	
d <sup>o</sup>	Sam <sup>l</sup> Gillson		80	11	
Groton	Thomas Farwell	Serj <sup>t</sup>	60	20½	
d <sup>o</sup>	Enoch Cook	d <sup>o</sup>	60	17½	
Pep <sup>r</sup> il	Jo <sup>s</sup> Spaulding	d <sup>o</sup>	80	13	
Groton	John Fisk	Corp <sup>t</sup>	60	12½	
d <sup>o</sup>	Asa Stone	d <sup>o</sup>	60	12½	
d <sup>o</sup>	Amos Lawrence	[Priv.]	60	20½	
d <sup>o</sup>	Zach <sup>a</sup> Longley		60	8½	
d <sup>o</sup>	Jonas Brooks		60	20½	
d <sup>o</sup>	Oliver Shed		60	12½	
d <sup>o</sup>	Reuben Fisk		60	17½	
d <sup>o</sup>	Jonas Stone		60	12½	
d <sup>o</sup>	Jon <sup>a</sup> Terbol		60	12½	
d <sup>o</sup>	Levi Stone		60	12½	
d <sup>o</sup>	Eben <sup>l</sup> Lowell		60	8½	
d <sup>o</sup>	Joshua Chace		60	8½	
d <sup>o</sup>	W <sup>m</sup> Park		60	20½	
Pep <sup>r</sup> il	Moses Shattuck		80	11	
Groton	Benj <sup>t</sup> Amsden		60	12½	
d <sup>o</sup>	Thomas Hubbard		60	20½	
d <sup>o</sup>	Hez <sup>b</sup> Hubbard		60	12½	
d <sup>o</sup>	James Davis		60	12½	
d <sup>o</sup>	Neh <sup>b</sup> Parker		60	12½	
d <sup>o</sup>	Thomas White		60	20½	
Shirley	John Killburn		80	12½	
[Gr]oton	John Peirce		60	20½	
[Pe]p <sup>r</sup> il	Abel Spauldin		80	13	

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Towns	Mens Names	Quality	miles out & home	Days in Service	
[Pe]p'ril	Tho <sup>s</sup> Spauldin	[Priv.]	8o	11	
d <sup>o</sup>	Philip Shattuck		8o	11	
d <sup>o</sup>	David Write		8o	9	
[Gr]oton	Zacheus Farwell		6o	12½	
[Pep']ril	Reuben Shattuck		8o	9	
[Gr]oton	Matthias Farnworth		6o	20½	
[Pep']ril	Joseph Shattuck		8o	6	
[do]	Caleb Hubbard		8o	13	
[do]	Jonas Tarbol		8o	13	
[do]	Jo <sup>s</sup> Egerton		8o	16	
Pep'ril	David Shattuck		8o	6	
d <sup>o</sup>	Elijah Ames		8o	6	
d <sup>o</sup>	Joseph Hall		8o	6	
d <sup>o</sup>	Levi Hubbard		8o	6	
d <sup>o</sup>	Isaiah Shattuck		8o	6	
d <sup>o</sup>	Nath <sup>l</sup> Write		8o	6	
Groton	James Shipley		6o	6	
Pep'ril	Simon Gillson		8o	9	

Colony Massachusetts Bay Dec<sup>r</sup> 27<sup>th</sup> 1775

John Sawtell made solemn Oath that this roll by him subscrib'd  
is just and true in all its parts

Before me

MOSES GILL. *Jus Peace*  
*thrō y. Province*

JOHN SAWTELL *Cap<sup>t</sup>*

Compar'd with y<sup>e</sup> Original } by  
with w<sup>ch</sup> it agrees }

E. STARKWEATHER { *Comm<sup>o</sup>*

In Council March 21<sup>th</sup> 1776

Read & allowed & ordered that a Warrant be drawn on the  
Treasury for £59: 11/ 9¼ in full of this Roll

PEREZ MORTON *D Sec<sup>r</sup>*

A true Copy G. TAILER

[Indorsed] Copy Groton Cap<sup>t</sup> John Sawtell Muster-roll £59 " 11" 9¼

(Massachusetts Archives, Revolutionary Papers, XIII. 90)

## Captain John Nutting

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*The persons hereafter written marched to Cambridge on the Alarm on the 19<sup>th</sup> April 1775 and were omitted in the roll I Exhibited*

mens Names	Privats	N <sup>o</sup> of mils	N <sup>o</sup> of Days in Servis
Jabez Holdin	Private	60	4½
Abijah Warren	D <sup>o</sup>	60	4½
Asael Wyman	D <sup>o</sup>	60	4½
Benj <sup>s</sup> Farnsworth	D <sup>o</sup>	60	4½
Mathias Farnsworth	D <sup>o</sup>	60	4½
Simeon Brooks			4½
David Kemp	D <sup>o</sup>	60	3½
Will <sup>m</sup> Parks	D <sup>o</sup>	—	10
David Archabld	D <sup>o</sup>	—	3½

True Copy JOHN SAWTELL *Cap.*

Middlesex ss May 6<sup>th</sup> 1776.

John Sawtell above named made oath to the truth of the foregoing Roll

*Coram* OLIVER PRESCOTT *Just. Peace*

In Council May 8<sup>th</sup> 1776.

Read & allowed & ordered that a warrant be drawn on the Treasurer for £4 " 12 " 6¼ in full of the within roll

PEREZ MORTON  
*D Sec*

[Indorsed] Copy of Cap. John Sawtell's minit roll a 2<sup>d</sup> £4 " 12 " 6¼

(Massachusetts Archives, Revolutionary Papers, XIII. 91)

## *Captain John Nutting*

The towns of Groton and Pepperell during the Revolutionary period were closely identified, and the social intercourse between them was very intimate. If the families of the two towns were not akin to one another, in a certain sense they were neighbors; and for that reason I include in this work a

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list of the Pepperell minute-men, commanded by John Nutting, who distinguished themselves in the war. Captain Nutting was a brave officer, but like many other military men of his day, a short time after the Revolution, he became indoctrinated with political heresies, and took an active part in promoting the Shays Rebellion. It is but fair, however, to say that he was highly esteemed by his townsmen, who to a large extent sympathized with him in his views.

Captain Nutting lived in the northerly part of Pepperell, near the Nissitissett River. By the upsetting of a boat, he was drowned in that stream, on May 25, 1816. The two following epitaphs are to be seen in the burying-ground, near the First Parish Meeting-house in that town:—

In Memory  
of Capt.  
John Nutting  
who was drowned  
May 25. 1816  
Æt 85

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To the memory of  
M<sup>rs</sup> Martha Nutting  
wife of Capt John Nutting and only  
child of M<sup>r</sup>. William & M<sup>rs</sup> Martha Blood  
who departed this life on the 26<sup>th</sup> of July  
1780 in the 44<sup>th</sup> Year of her age  
this stone is erected



# Captain John Nutting

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*A Muster Roole of Cap<sup>t</sup>. John Nutting Company of Minett men in  
Col<sup>t</sup>. W<sup>m</sup>. Prescott Regmt<sup>t</sup>. who march<sup>d</sup>. from Pepperrill y<sup>e</sup> 19 of  
April 1775*

Mens Names	Towns from whence they Came	Their Rank	Time when march <sup>d</sup>	Number of miles Coming and Going Those that return <sup>d</sup>	Time of Service
John Nutting	Pepperrell	Captain	April 19	....	6 Days
Nathaniel Lakin	D <sup>o</sup>	1 Lieu <sup>t</sup>	April 19	....	6 D <sup>o</sup>
Abijah Boynton	D <sup>o</sup>	2 Lieu <sup>t</sup>	April 19	80 miles	15 D <sup>o</sup>
John Mosher	D <sup>o</sup>	Serg <sup>t</sup>	D <sup>o</sup> 19	....	15 D <sup>o</sup>
Edm <sup>d</sup> Bancroft	D <sup>o</sup>	Serg <sup>t</sup>	D <sup>o</sup> 19	....	6 D <sup>o</sup>
W <sup>m</sup> Tarbel	D <sup>o</sup>	Serg <sup>t</sup>	D <sup>o</sup> 19	80 D <sup>o</sup>	11 D <sup>o</sup>
Nath <sup>l</sup> Sartell	D <sup>o</sup>	Serg <sup>t</sup>	D <sup>o</sup> 19	....	6 D <sup>o</sup>
Nath <sup>l</sup> Parker	D <sup>o</sup>	Corpr <sup>l</sup>	D <sup>o</sup> 19	....	6 D <sup>o</sup>
Josiah Newell	D <sup>o</sup>	Corpr <sup>l</sup>	D <sup>o</sup> 19	....	6 D <sup>o</sup>
Patrick White	D <sup>o</sup>	Corpr <sup>l</sup>	D <sup>o</sup> 19	80 D <sup>o</sup>	10 D <sup>o</sup>
Thomas Fisk	D <sup>o</sup>	Corpr <sup>l</sup>	D <sup>o</sup> 19	80 D <sup>o</sup>	16 D <sup>o</sup>
James Lakin	D <sup>o</sup>	Drumer	D <sup>o</sup> 19	80 D <sup>o</sup>	12 D <sup>o</sup>
David Tarbel	D <sup>o</sup>	Private	D <sup>o</sup> 19	80 D <sup>o</sup>	11 D <sup>o</sup>
Joseph Sanderson	D <sup>o</sup>	D <sup>o</sup>	D <sup>o</sup> 19	80 D <sup>o</sup>	22 D <sup>o</sup>
David Avery	D <sup>o</sup>	D <sup>o</sup>	D <sup>o</sup> 19	80 D <sup>o</sup>	9 D <sup>o</sup>
Elijah Shattuck	D <sup>o</sup>	D <sup>o</sup>	D <sup>o</sup> 19	80 D <sup>o</sup>	8 D <sup>o</sup>
Aaron Wood	D <sup>o</sup>	D <sup>o</sup>	D <sup>o</sup> 19	80 D <sup>o</sup>	15 D <sup>o</sup>
Jonathan Sheple	D <sup>o</sup>	D <sup>o</sup>	D <sup>o</sup> 19	80 D <sup>o</sup>	8 D <sup>o</sup>
Josiah Nutting	D <sup>o</sup>	D <sup>o</sup>	D <sup>o</sup> 19	80 D <sup>o</sup>	12 D <sup>o</sup>
Benj <sup>s</sup> Nutting	D <sup>o</sup>	D <sup>o</sup>	D <sup>o</sup> 19	80 D <sup>o</sup>	12 D <sup>o</sup>
Oliver Newall	D <sup>o</sup>	D <sup>o</sup>	D <sup>o</sup> 19	80 D <sup>o</sup>	9 D <sup>o</sup>
Henry Woods	D <sup>o</sup>	D <sup>o</sup>	D <sup>o</sup> 19	80 D <sup>o</sup>	12 D <sup>o</sup>
Thomas Lawrence	D <sup>o</sup>	D <sup>o</sup>	D <sup>o</sup> 19	80 D <sup>o</sup>	6 D <sup>o</sup>
John Shattuck	D <sup>o</sup>	D <sup>o</sup>	D <sup>o</sup> 19	80 D <sup>o</sup>	22 D <sup>o</sup>
David Blood	D <sup>o</sup>	D <sup>o</sup>	D <sup>o</sup> 19	80 D <sup>o</sup>	15 D <sup>o</sup>
David Jewett	D <sup>o</sup>	D <sup>o</sup>	D <sup>o</sup> 19	80 D <sup>o</sup>	28 D <sup>o</sup>
Paul Dickerson	D <sup>o</sup>	D <sup>o</sup>	D <sup>o</sup> 19	80 D <sup>o</sup>	42 D <sup>o</sup>
Oliver Shattuck	D <sup>o</sup>	D <sup>o</sup>	D <sup>o</sup> 19	80 D <sup>o</sup>	6 D <sup>o</sup>
David Shattuck	D <sup>o</sup>	D <sup>o</sup>	D <sup>o</sup> 19	80 D <sup>o</sup>	6 D <sup>o</sup>
Abijah Mosher	D <sup>o</sup>	D <sup>o</sup>	D <sup>o</sup> 19	80 D <sup>o</sup>	5 D <sup>o</sup>
Gilbert Dickson	D <sup>o</sup>	D <sup>o</sup>	D <sup>o</sup> 19	80 D <sup>o</sup>	6 D <sup>o</sup>

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Mens Names	Towns from whence they Came	Their Rank	Time when march'd	Number of miles Coming and Going Those that return'd	Time of Service
Elijah Ames	Pepperrell	Private	April 19	80 miles	5 Days
Darius Hudson	D°	D°	D° 19	....	10 D°
Silas Pierce	D°	D°	D° 19	....	6 D°
Abijah Parker	D°	D°	D° 19	....	6 D°
James Mosher	D°	D°	D° 19	....	6 D°
Ebenz <sup>r</sup> Nutting	D°	D°	D° 19	....	6 D°
John Boynton	D°	D°	D° 19	....	6 D°
Peter Perham	D°	D°	D° 19	....	6 D°
Robinson Lakin	D°	D°	D° 19	....	6 D°
Leonard Spaulding	Fulham [Vt.]	D°	D° 20	....	5 D°
Jeremiah Shattuck	Pepperrell	D°	D° 19	....	6 D°
John Chamberlin	D°	D°	D° 19	....	6 D°
Samuel Cummings	New Ipswich	D°	D° 19	....	6 D°
George Abbot	Pepperrell	D°	D° 19	....	6 D°
Abraham Boynton	D°	D°	D° 19	....	6 D°
George Aldridge	D°	D°	D° 19	....	6 D°
Moses Blood	D°	D°	D° 23	....	2 D°
Joseph Chamberlin	D°	D°	D° 23	....	2 D°
Isaac Chamberlin	Chelmsford	D°	D° 19	....	6 D°
Elias Dickey	Raby	D°	D° 19	....	6 D°
Hirum Dean	Jeffery	D°	D° 23	....	2 D°
Simeon Foster	Groton	D°	D° 19	....	6 D°
Nathan Fish	Pepperrill	D°	D° 19	....	6 D°
Simon Green	D°	D°	D° 19	....	6 D°
Martin Lawrence	Peckersfield	D°	D° 19	....	6 D°
Daniel Mosher	Pepperrell	D°	D° 19	....	6 D°
Joshua Lawrence	D°	D°	D° 19	....	6 D°
Francis Lee	D°	D°	D° 19	....	6 D°
John Adams	D°	D°	D° 19	....	6 D°
Thomas Lawrence Jr	D°	D°	D° 19	....	6 D°
Ambrus Lakin	Groton	D°	D° 23	....	2 D°
Abner Michel	Luningburgh	D°	D° 19	....	6 D°
Samuel Nutting	Pepperrell	D°	D° 19	....	6 D°
Abel Parker	D°	D°	D° 19	....	6 D°
Winslow Parker	Groton	D°	D° 19	....	6 D°

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Mens Names	Towns from whence they Came	Their Rank	Time when march'd	Number of miles Coming and Going and Those that return'd	Time of Service
Jonas Shattuck	Pepperrell	Private	April 19	80 miles	6 Days
Michael Sartell	D°	D°	D° 19	....	6 D°
Jonas Warren	D°	D°	D° 19	....	6 D°
James Tarbel	D°	D°	D° 19	....	6 D°
Isaac Williams	D°	D°	D° 19	....	6 D°
Joseph Whitney	D°	D°	D° 19	....	6 D°
Thomas Wetherbee	D°	D°	D° 19	....	6 D°
Ruben Spaulding	D°	D°	D° 19	....	6 D°
William Warren	D°	D°	D° 19	....	6 D°
Edm <sup>d</sup> Pearce	D°	D°	D° 19	....	6 D°
Wainright Fisk	D°	D°	D° 19	....	6 D°
Jeremiah Shattuck Jr	D°	D°	D° 19	....	6 D°
Ebenezer Laughton	D°	D°	D° 19	....	6 D°
Sampson Woods	D°	D°	D° 19	....	6 D°
William Green	D°	D°	D° 19	....	6 D°
Andrew Brown	D°	D°	D° 19	....	12 D°

JOHN NUTTING *Capt*

Colony Massachusetts Bay March 15<sup>th</sup> 1776

John Nutting personally appeared & made Solemn Oath that this role by him Subscribed is true in all it's parts according to the best of his Knowledge

Before JABEZ FISHER *Jus. Peace thro the Col*

Examin'd & compar'd with the Original

E STARKWEATHER } *Com<sup>rs</sup>*  
JOSIAH JOHNSON }

In Council Ma<sup>y</sup> 27th 1776 Read & allow'd & order'd that a Warrant be drawn on the Treas<sup>r</sup> for 58.18.1 in full of said Roll

PEREZ MORTON *D Sec<sup>r</sup>*

[Indorsed] Copy Cap<sup>t</sup> John Nuttings Muster role Minute men Pepperrell  
£58-18-1

(Massachusetts Archives, Revolutionary Papers, XIII. 22)

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*A return of Capt John Nutting Company in Coll Wm: Prescotts Regiment october y<sup>e</sup> 6. 1775*

Mens Names	Place of Residence
Simeon Forster	Groton Sick on furlow
Ambras Lakin	Groton Present

CAMBRIDGE October y<sup>e</sup> 2d the 1775

JOHN NUTTING *Capt*

[Indorsed] Capt John Nutting Company

(Massachusetts Archives, Revolutionary Papers, LVI. 67)

### *Captain Henry Haskell*

Henry Haskell commanded a military company that marched from Shirley on the ever-memorable Nineteenth. For the Muster-roll, see Reverend Seth Chandler's History (pages 122, 123).

Technically they were not minute-men, as designated by Mr. Chandler, and they are not so called in the heading of the roll; and, furthermore, they belonged to Colonel James Prescott's command, which was a militia regiment. The minute-men of that period comprised only one-quarter of the enrolled militia, and in this neighborhood they belonged to Colonel William Prescott's command. It will be noticed that, in the headings of the Muster-rolls, Captain Farwell's company and Captain Lawrence's are both styled "minute-men," while Captain Sawtell's company and Captain Sartell's are not so designated, showing that there was then a distinction between them. Captain John Nutting's company from Pepperell is also styled one of "minute-men;" while other companies are designated as militia, and they were in Colonel James Prescott's command. On that eventful day there was room for all, and the sturdy yeomanry thought more of the substance than of the sound. They may not have been enrolled as minute-men, but when they were needed they

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marched to the scene of conflict all the same, and did a patriot's duty. A few days after the beginning of the War the expression "minute-man" fell into disuse, and a soldier was spoken of as belonging to the Massachusetts Line or the Continental Army, as the case might be.

In the year 1735 Captain Haskell's father came from Gloucester, and settled in that part of Harvard which is now known as Still River. At this time the son was about a year old, and probably he was born at Gloucester.

Captain Haskell was thrice married: first, on January 6, 1757, to Rebecka Willard, of Lancaster, who died on April 8, 1772; secondly, on December 1, 1772, to Martha Little, of Lunenburg, who died on September 28, 1778; and, thirdly, to Charity Pratt, of Lancaster (published February 10, 1781), who died in December, 1813. During his married life ten children were born to him and his wife. He owned and occupied a farm situated near the Shirley Shakers; and his death took place at Lancaster, on June 10, 1807.

In Lancaster, HENRY HASKELL, Esq. *Æt.* 73; a Lt. Col. in the revolutionary army.

"Columbian Centinel" (Boston), June 17, 1807.

On April 19, 1900, a monument was dedicated to the men of Shirley who marched on April 19, 1775, under the command of Captain Haskell, and to all others of that town who took part in the War of American Independence.

The following Roll gives a list of the men in Captain Haskell's company, as it was at the beginning of the year 1776. Presumably it was formed largely on the lines of the one that marched on April 19. As it contains so many Groton names, I print the whole list.

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CAMP AT CAMBRIDGE January y<sup>e</sup> 13<sup>th</sup> 1776

*A Roll of the Traviling fees of Cap<sup>t</sup>. Henry Haskells Company of militia Joined Co<sup>t</sup>. Prescotts Rigment*

Mens Names	Town	No of miles	
Henry Haskell cap <sup>t</sup>	Shirley	74	
Job Shattuck Lieu <sup>t</sup>	Groton	70	
Samuell Gelson L <sup>t</sup>	Pepperrell	80	
Wallis Little	Shirley	74	
Peter Butterfield	Towsend	84	
Abner Whitcomb	Groton	70	
Elijah Wyman	Townsend	84	
Joseph Hail	Pepperrell	80	
Isaac Patch	Groton	70	
moses Warren	Townsend	84	
Solomon Peirce	Townsend	84	
John Tarbell	Groton	70	
Tho <sup>s</sup> Wason	Shirley	74	
Will <sup>m</sup> Bolton	Shirley	74	
Amos Holdin	Shirley	74	
John Jupp	Shirley	74	
Thadeus Harrington	Shirley	74	
Amos Dole	Shirley	74	
Ruben Kendall	Shirley	74	
Joseph Dodge	Shirley	74	
Jonathan Conant	Shirley	74	
Thomas Clark	Shirley	74	
Jonathan Lewis	Pepperall	80	
Daniel Turner	Pepperall	80	
John Scott	Pepperrall	80	
Richard Stevens	Pepperrall	80	
Shebuel Conant	Pepperrall	80	
Abel Spaldin	Pepperrall	80	
Joel Hubart .	Pepperrall	80	
Eleazar Shattuck	Pepperrall	80	

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Mens Names	Town	Nº of miles	
Benjamin Hudson	Pepperrall	80	
Peter Blood	Pepperrall	80	
Levi Woods	Pepperrall	80	
John Gelson	Pepperrall	80	
moses Shattuck	Pepperrall	80	
Nathaniel Woods	Groton	70	
Shattuck Blood	Groton	70	
David Lakin	Groton	70	
Benj <sup>r</sup> Simson	Groton	70	
Amos Woods	Groton	70	
Will <sup>m</sup> Derumple	Groton	70	
Benj <sup>r</sup> Green	Groton	70	
Phinehas Parker	Groton	70	
Nethaniel Lawrance	Groton	70	
James adoms	Groton	70	
Benj <sup>r</sup> Hazin	Groton	70	
Timothy moors	Groton	70	
Isaac Warren	Groton	70	
Daniel Willard	Groton	70	
Samuell Kemp	Groton	70	
Amos Adoms	Groton	70	
Ebeneazar Lewis	Groton	70	
Will <sup>m</sup> farwell	Groton	70	
John Fisk	Groton	70	
Ruben Cummings	Groton	70	
Levi Samson	Groton	70	
John Nichols	Groton	70	
Joseph moors	Groton	70	
Silas Page	Groton	70	
John fife	Groton	70	
John Lock	Townshend	84	
Will <sup>m</sup> manning	Townshend	84	
Ebeneazar Ball	Townshend	84	
James Lock	Townshend	84	

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Mens Names	Town	Nº of miles	
Hincheman Warren	Townshend	84	
James Patt	Townshend	84	
John Stevens	Townshend	84	
John Haskell	Shirley	74	
John Sherrin	Townshend	84	
Thomas Little	Petersborough	130	

HENRY HASKELL *Capt.*

Capt. Hasekells Number 6 Recd of the Courts Committee viz  
Co<sup>l</sup> Lovell and Maj<sup>r</sup> Bliss Seventy Two pounds Four Shillings &  
Two pence in full of the within Roll for our Travil too and from  
Head Quarters at the Rat of one penny pr Mile

HENRY HASKELL *Capt.*

[Indorsed] Cap<sup>t</sup> Henry Haskell Col<sup>l</sup> Prescotts Reg 1776  
Camp at Cambridge

(Massachusetts Archives, Revolutionary Papers, XIX. 170)

### *Captain Joseph Moors*

Joseph Moors, the youngest child of Abraham and Elizabeth (Gilson) Moors, was born at Groton, on May 30, 1738. In the campaign of 1758 he served at the siege and capture of Louisburg, and, on March 4, 1772, was commissioned as adjutant in Colonel James Prescott's regiment, and, on March 9, 1774, as cornet in Captain Benjamin Bancroft's company of troopers in the same regiment. He commanded a company at the Battle of Bunker Hill, and, on January 1, 1776, was commissioned by the Continental Congress as captain of a company in Colonel William Prescott's regiment. After his return from the army he settled on his paternal estate, and carried on the farm where he was born. It is situated on the road leading from the Groton School to Ayer. During a long life, respected both by his neighbors and townsmen,



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he filled many positions of trust and responsibility among them, and for nine years he represented the town in the General Court.

On July 22, 1761, Captain Moors was married, first, to Lucy, fifth child of David and Elizabeth Stone, who died on August 26, 1773, in the thirty-third year of her age, according to her epitaph; and, secondly, to Sarah, elder daughter of Samuel and Miriam (Morse) Ward, of Natick, who was born on November 25, 1751, and died at Groton, on April 15, 1822, aged seventy years. He died on July 25, 1820, aged eighty-two years.

*A MUSTER-ROLL of the Company under the Command of Captain [Joseph Moors] in Colonel [William Prescott's] Regiment, to the first of August, 1775.*

Men's Names.	Towns whence they came.	Rank.	Time of Inlistment.	Travell.	Time of Service.
Joseph Moors	groton	Captain	May <sup>ye</sup> 10 <sup>th</sup>	35 Miles	83 Days
Zach <sup>rs</sup> Walker	Merimack	1 <sup>st</sup> Lieutenant	April <sup>ye</sup> 24	45 D <sup>o</sup>	99 —
Isaac Dodge	Groton	2 <sup>d</sup> Lieutenant	May <sup>ye</sup> 10 <sup>th</sup>	35 D <sup>o</sup>	83 days
Phin <sup>hs</sup> Hemingway	Groton	Serjeant	April <sup>ye</sup> 23	35 D <sup>o</sup>	98 D <sup>o</sup>
William Mccluer	Merimack	Serjeant	April 28 <sup>th</sup>	45	95 D <sup>o</sup>
Timothy Woods	Groton	Serjeant	May 20 <sup>th</sup>	35	73 D <sup>o</sup>
thomas Bigsby	Leechfield	Serjeant	April 28	45	95 Days
Ephraim Warren	Shirley	Corporal	May 18	40	75 D <sup>o</sup>
Silas Davis	Shirley	Corporal	May 17	40	76 D <sup>o</sup>
Joseph Taylor	Groton	Corporal	May 21	35	72 D <sup>o</sup>
David Willson	Shirley	Corporal.	May 25	40	68 D <sup>o</sup>
Sam <sup>l</sup> Farnsworth	Groaton	Drumer.	May 15	35	78
Peter Davis	Leuninburg	private	April 30	45	93
Tho <sup>t</sup> Colven	Groaton	Ditt <sup>o</sup>	May 20	35	73
William Spalden	Raby	Ditto	April 28	55	95
Joseph Moors Jun <sup>r</sup>	Groton	Ditto	May 20	35	73
Oliver Tarbell	Groton	Ditto	May 23	35	70
Sam <sup>l</sup> Conrey	Holis	Ditto	April 28	40	95
Abraham Ireland	Leuninburg	Ditto	May 20	45	73
John Jacobs	Merimack	Ditt <sup>o</sup>	April 28	45	95
Jonas procter	Groton	Ditto	May 27	35	66
Leonard Taylor	Groton	Ditto	April 24	35	98

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Men's Names.	Towns whence they came.	Rank.	Time of Inlistment.	Travell.	Time of Service.
phiz Keemp	Groton	private	May 27	35 Miles	66 Days
Joseph Keemp	Groton	Ditto	May 25	35	68
Asa Danforth	Bilirica	Ditto	April 28	20	95
Silas Roby	Merimack	Ditto	April 27	45	96
James Mack	Merimack	Ditto	April 28.	45	95
William Spalden Jr	Raby	Ditto	April 29	55	94
Joseph Taylor Jr	Groton	Ditto	April 28	35	95
Robert M <sup>c</sup> Cormack	Merimack	Ditto	April 25	45	95
Ebenezer Hill	Merimack	Ditto	April 25	45	95
John Clough	plymouth	Ditto	Ap <sup>r</sup> 28	130	95
Jasen harsell	Merimack	Ditto	Ap <sup>r</sup> 28	45	95
John Combs	Merimack	Ditto	Ap <sup>r</sup> 28	45	95
Zebediah Wool	Leuninburg	Ditto	May 20	45	73
Ebenezer pirkens	petersbourg	Ditto	Ap <sup>r</sup> 28	65	95
phinehas Whitney	Haruard	Ditto	May 19	35	74
Daniel Page	Shirley	Ditto	May 19	40	74
Daniel Kezer	Shirley	Ditto	May 17	40	76
David Archabell	groton	Ditto	May 17	35	76
William Lasley	groton	Ditto	May 20	35	73
Zac Longley	groton	Ditto	May 20	35	73
Abel Amsden	groton	Ditto	May 20	35	73
W <sup>m</sup> Cawin	merrimak	Ditto	April 28	45	95
John Sawtell	New ipwich	Artorfishe	April 24	55	98
[Samuel] Wright	Hollis	privat	April 28	40	95
[Amos Fisk]	Groton	Ditto	May [ ]	35	26
[Thomas] Colbourn	Dunstabell	Ditto	April 28	40	51
Eben <sup>r</sup> Youngmen	Dunstabell	Ditto	April 28	40	51

Copy Ex<sup>d</sup>

In Council Feb<sup>y</sup> 13<sup>th</sup> 1776

Read & ord<sup>d</sup> that a Warrant pass on the Treasurer for the sum of 201-11-9-3 in full Discharge of the above roll

PEREZ MORTON

*D Secr*

hemingway mistake Not Rectified

[Indorsed] Cap<sup>t</sup> Jos Mores Roll in Col<sup>o</sup> Prescotts Reg<sup>t</sup> £201 : 11 : 9¾

(Massachusetts Archives, Revolutionary Papers, XV. 70)

Near the end of the Muster-roll of Captain Moors's company, printed on the opposite page, is the name of Amos Fisk within brackets. It was inserted by me in the manuscript so long ago that I have forgotten my authority for doing so. In the original roll at the State House the name was written where a fold in the paper afterward came, and unfortunately it is now entirely gone. Whoever the man was, he did only 26 days' service from a date in the month of May, and drops out of the company on or near June 17. The two men following his name on the roll are known to have been killed in the battle; and one Amos Fisk was captured in the fight and died in Boston jail during the early part of August. His death is recorded in "A Journal kept by John Leach, during his confinement by the British, in Boston Gaol, in 1775," which appears in "The New England Historical and Genealogical Register" (XIX. 258) for July, 1865. He is mentioned also in a list of prisoners taken at Bunker Hill, which is printed in "The New-England Chronicle: or, The Essex Gazette" (Cambridge), September 14, 1775. In this list his Christian name is given as "Amasa," and he is put down as from Pepperell. Perhaps he was Amos, a son of Josiah and Sarah Fisk, who was born on May 12, 1739, in that part of Groton which is now Pepperell. At the date of his birth there was no town of Pepperell, but the whole neighborhood was Groton. The number of miles of travel accredited to him on the roll would seem to indicate that he was living in Groton at the time of his enlistment. My authority for inserting the name in the Muster-roll was entirely independent of the reasons here given, which are now recited in order to show their probability.

The number of soldiers from Groton, who were either killed at the Battle of Bunker Hill or died from their wounds, was twelve, greater than that from any other town; and the Memorial Tablets placed on Winthrop Square in Charlestown, by the city of Boston, on June 17, 1889, are my authority for the statement. They were serving in five different companies of Colonel Prescott's regiment.

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*A Return of Capt Joseph Moors Company In Call W<sup>m</sup> Priscutt  
Reg<sup>t</sup> October 6: 1775*

Capt Joseph moors		Groton
1 L <sup>t</sup> Zac Walker	Present	marrimac
2 L <sup>t</sup> Isaac Dodge	Do	Groton

Phinehus Haminway	Sargents	Groton
W <sup>m</sup> M <sup>c</sup> Cluen		marrimac
Timothy Woods		Groton
Tho <sup>s</sup> Bixby		Litchfiled

Scillas Daus	Present	Shirly	Corpels
Dauid Wilson	Do	Shirly	
Eph <sup>a</sup> Warren	Do	Shrily	
Joseph Taylor Ju <sup>r</sup>	Do	Groton	

Drumer Sameull Farnsworth Present Groton			
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Peter Daus	Prs <sup>t</sup>	Lunenburg	Rob <sup>t</sup> M <sup>c</sup> Cormack	Prs <sup>t</sup>	marrimac
Tho <sup>s</sup> Caluin	Do	Groton	Ebn <sup>t</sup> Hill	Do	marrimac
W <sup>m</sup> Spalding	woounded abesent	Raby	John Claugh	Do	Plymouth
Joseph moors Jun <sup>r</sup>	P <sup>t</sup>	Groton	Jasen Haskell	Do	marrimac
Sam <sup>l</sup> Conrey	Do	Hollis	John Combs	Do	marrimac
Oliuer Tarbell	Do	Groton	Eben <sup>t</sup> Purkins	Do	Petersbrough
Ab <sup>s</sup> Irland Ju <sup>r</sup>	Derseted	Lunenburg	Abel Amsdon	Do	Groton
John Jacobs	Prest.	marrimac	Phinhus Whitney	Do	Haruard
Jonas Procter	Do	Groton	Daniel Page	Do	Shirly
Lenorad Taylor	Do	Groton	Daniel Kezer	Sick abesent	Shirly
Joseph Keemp	Do	Groton	Dauid Archebell	Prs <sup>t</sup>	Groton
Phinhus Keemp	Do	Groton	Zac Longley	Sick in Camp	Groton
Ase Danforth	Do	Billeirac	John Sawtell	Prist	New Ipwich
Silias Roby	Do	marrimac	Joseph Gowin	Sick abesent	Shirly
James mack	Do	marrimac	Zeb <sup>t</sup> Willas	Sick in camp	Lunenburg
W <sup>m</sup> Spalding Jun <sup>r</sup>	on Com <sup>d</sup>	Raby	W <sup>m</sup> Cawin	Prist	marrimac
Joseph Taylor	Sick in Camp	Groton	Sam <sup>l</sup> Wright	Do	Hollis
			W <sup>m</sup> Lasley	Sick abesent	Groton

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Sargent Beng<sup>d</sup> Prescott    Killed June 17: Bunkerhill    Groton  
 Ebn<sup>d</sup> youngman                Do June 17    Bunker hill    Hollis  
 Thos Colbourn                Do June 17: Bunker hill    Dunstable

ZACCHEUS WALKER *Lieut*

[Indorsed] Return of Cap<sup>t</sup> Moors Compney Oct<sup>r</sup> 6: 1775  
 (Massachusetts Archives, Revolutionary Papers, LVI. 65)

The following lists are taken from various Returns among the State Archives, and give the names of Groton men who served at the beginning of the Revolution in several military companies raised in the neighborhood.

Captain Robert Longley was of Bolton, and raised a military company for the most part belonging in that town.

*A MUSTER-ROLL of the Company under the Command of Captain [Robert Longley] in Colonel [Asa Whitcomb's] Regiment, to the first of August, 1775.*

Men's Names.	Towns whence they came.	Rank.	Time of Inlistment.	Travell.	Time of Service.	
				miles	months	Days
Caleb Blood	Groton	Private	[April] 29	36	3	10
Jonas Sawtell	Groton	D <sup>o</sup>	Ap <sup>r</sup> 29	30	3	10

Copy attest      JABEZ FISHER

In Council Jan<sup>y</sup> 18<sup>th</sup> 1776 Read & allowed & thereupon ordered that a Warr<sup>t</sup> be drawn on the Treas<sup>r</sup> for 274 " 8 " 9 in full of the within Role.

JOHN LOWELL *Dp<sup>y</sup> Sec<sup>y</sup> P T*

[Indorsed] Cap<sup>t</sup> Rob<sup>t</sup> Longley in Col<sup>o</sup> Whetcombs Regim<sup>t</sup> 274 " 8 " 9  
 (Massachusetts Archives, Revolutionary Papers, XV. 58)

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*A Return of Capt Longley Compney of Bolton, In Col Asa Whitcombs  
Rigiment [October, 1775.]*

Mens Names	The Town thay belong to	
Caleb Blood	Groton	
Jonas Sawtell	Groton	

ROBERT LONGLEY *Capt*

[Indorsed] Cap: Longly Return

(Massachusetts Archives, Revolutionary Papers, LVI. 144)

Captain Abijah Child belonged in Waltham, and recruited  
a company in that neighborhood.

*Return of Capt Abijah Child's Company in the 37<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> of Foot  
in the Continental Army Commanded by Lt. Col W<sup>m</sup> Bond*

Mens Names	Towns belonging to	
John Pierce	Groton	

CAMP PROSPECT HILL Oct: 6. 1775

ABIJAH CHILD *Capt*

[Indorsed] Cap: Child

(Massachusetts Archives, Revolutionary Papers, LVI. 251)

Captain Peter Coburn lived in Dracut, and raised a company  
belonging largely in that town.

*Return of Capt [Peter] Coburn Company in Col. Bridges Rigim<sup>t</sup>.  
Sept. 26th 1775*

Tobias Brigs		Groton	
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EBENEZER VARNUM 2<sup>d</sup> Lt

[Indorsed] Cap: Coburn

(Massachusetts Archives, Revolutionary Papers, LVI. 182)

## Groton Men Enlisted Elsewhere 49

Captain Ephraim Corey was of Stow, and his company had men from several towns.

*A Return of the Mens Names Last Residence Present or Absent &c  
belonging to Ephraim Coreys Company in Coll Prescotts Rgmt*

Sergt Abel Parker	groton	Present
Corp <sup>l</sup> Oliver Laken	groton	Present
Corp <sup>l</sup> John Parker	groton	D <sup>o</sup>

Mens Names	Residence	Casualties
Benj <sup>m</sup> Bennet	groton	Present Sick
Jon <sup>a</sup> Davis	groton	Sick
Robert Parker Jr	groton	Present
Benj <sup>m</sup> Parker	groton	D <sup>o</sup>
John Whitney	groton	D <sup>o</sup>
Abner Whitney	groton	D <sup>o</sup>

Chambers Corey	Groton	Kill <sup>d</sup> June 17 on Bunker hill
Robert Parker	groton	died Sep <sup>tem</sup> 30 at Cambrige
Abiel Parker	groton	Discharg <sup>d</sup> Sep <sup>m</sup> 23 <sup>d</sup> by Mgr [Major] Moyland

CAMBRIDGE October y<sup>e</sup> 1<sup>th</sup> 1775

[Indorsed] The late Cap<sup>t</sup> Parkers Cap<sup>t</sup> Ep<sup>h</sup> Corey

(Massachusetts Archives, Revolutionary Papers, LVI. 64)

Captain Thomas Wait Foster was of Hadley, and he had two Groton men in his company.

*A Return of Capt. Thomas Wait Foster's Company of Artillery  
[in the] Hon<sup>ble</sup> Richard Gridleys Regiment*

Mens Names	Wherefrom
Aaron Bigelow	Growton
Dudley Kemp	Growton

JOSIAH LYMAN Cap<sup>t</sup> Lieut

[October, 1775]

[Indorsed] Capt Tho<sup>s</sup> W. Foster.

(Massachusetts Archives, Revolutionary Papers, LVI. 271)

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Captain Samuel Gilbert was of Littleton, and he had one Groton man in his company.

CAMBRIDGE Sep<sup>r</sup> y<sup>e</sup> 28<sup>th</sup> 1775

*A Return of Capt Sam<sup>l</sup> Gilbert Company in Co<sup>l</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Prescott Reg<sup>t</sup>  
agreeable to the orders of the 24 instant*

Mens Names	Place of Residence
Thos Baker	Groton

[Indorsed] Sam<sup>l</sup> Gilbert Capt

(Massachusetts Archives, Revolutionary Papers, LVI. 62)

Captain Joshua Parker belonged in Westford, where for the most part his company was recruited.

*A Return of Capt Joshua Parkers Company in the 10<sup>th</sup> Regiment of  
foot Commanded By Col<sup>l</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Prescott Containing their Names  
Time of Entrence where Resident When Dead Where if on Com<sup>d</sup>  
and or When Discharg<sup>d</sup>*

Privates	Mens Names	Entrance	Residents	When dead or Dischard or on Com <sup>d</sup>
	David Kemp	Apr <sup>l</sup> 27	Groton	taken Captive Died att Boston Sep <sup>r</sup> 10 <sup>th</sup>
	Peter Fisk	Ditto 27	Groton	kild In battle June 17 <sup>th</sup> 1775
	Leivt ameziah Fassett	Apr <sup>l</sup> 19	Groton	Taken Captive June 17 <sup>th</sup> Died att Boston July y <sup>e</sup> 5 <sup>th</sup>

This To Certify that these men above Nam<sup>d</sup> Entred the Service with me att the time set down against their Respective Names and from the Different Towns Signefied In the Same Maner of Both Efective and Unaffective of my Company and the Time of the Deseased is in the Like manner Signified.

JOSHUA PARKER Cap<sup>t</sup>

[Indorsed] A Return of Cap<sup>t</sup> Joshua Parkers Company In the Tenth Rege-  
ment of foot Commanded By Colonel William Prescott Esq<sup>r</sup> September the  
27<sup>th</sup> 1775

(Massachusetts Archives, Revolutionary Papers, LVI. 70)



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Captain Abijah Wyman was of Ashby, where he recruited a company.

*A Return of the names of the officers & men Belonging to Capt:  
[Abijah] Wymans Compeny in Colo: W<sup>m</sup> Prescottts Regt:  
spacefiing the towns thay Belong too*

Daniel Gilson          Groton          Corprel

CAMBRIDGE OCT 3 1775

ISAAC BROWN Lev

[Indorsed] Cap Wymans

(Massachusetts Archives, Revolutionary Papers, LVI. 66)

### *Captain Zechariah Fitch*

Zechariah Fitch was the eldest child of Zechariah and Elizabeth (Grimes) Fitch, and was born at Bedford, on April 1, 1734. He was married, first, to Rebekah Davis, eldest daughter of Eleazer and Rebecca (Chandler) Davis, who was born on August 2, 1736; and after marriage they settled in Groton. By this union there were two daughters, of whom Abigail, probably the younger, was born in the year 1761. Neither the first wife nor the second lived a long time after the marriage, as it is entered in the Groton church records, under date of August 4, 1763, "Zechariah Fitch of Groton to Lydia Tuck of Bedford;" and, again, under date of February 3, 1767, "Zacheriah Fitch to Sibeles Lakin both of Groton." By the second marriage there were two sons, Richard, born on October 25, 1763, and Joseph, born on February 13, 1766. His third wife, Mrs. Sibyl (Lakin) Fitch, was a daughter of John and Lydia (Parker) Lakin, born on October 16, 1739; and she died on October 11, 1806. By her there were four sons and three daughters. Late in life, on May 11, 1809, Captain Fitch was married at Pepperell to Betsey Tuttle, of Littleton, as his fourth wife, who died on January 5, 1823. His own death had taken place previously on September 2, 1820. His father was a younger brother of John Fitch, from whom the city of Fitchburg takes its name.

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According to tradition Captain Fitch was a fine-looking man, tall, straight, and well-proportioned, who wore short clothes set off with knee-buckles and shoe-buckles, as was common in those days. The sword carried by him in the Revolution was given to the Groton Historical Society by his venerable granddaughter Mrs. Amelia Fitch Rowe, on October 2, 1894; and his commission as Captain, also given by her, on October 1, 1898. Fitch's Bridge over the Nashua River, near his farm, takes its name from him.

A note-book kept by him is printed in the "Groton Historical Series" (IV. 378-385), which gives a few facts concerning the itinerary of his company from Groton to Fort Ticonderoga, and thence back again to Groton. In the book he writes:—"August y<sup>e</sup> 3<sup>d</sup> 1776 I Rec<sup>d</sup> my Comision y<sup>e</sup> 21<sup>st</sup> I rec<sup>d</sup> orders to march as soon as Posable to Bennington ye 28 I marched from Groton," etc. This note-book I bought a long time ago at a junk shop in Boston.

Within two or three years Mrs. Rowe, has given me some interesting documents relating to her grandfather's company. Among them are several Pay-rolls with the names of the men, which are not found elsewhere, besides other manuscript papers printed below.

*A Rooll of Capt. Zacheriah Fitches Company in Col. Samuel Brewers Regt for their Milage September the 18<sup>th</sup> 1776*

Officers & Men	No Miles	The Amount at 1 <sup>d</sup> p <sup>t</sup> Mile	The Amount of 1 Days pay for every 20 M
Cap: Zacheriah Fitch.	128	0 " 10 " 8	1 " 14 " 0
1 Lieut. Nathan Stow	147	0 " 12 " 3	1 " 12 " 0
2 Lieu: Josiah Bowers	147	12 " 3	1 " 12 "
Ensign Nehemiah Blodget	141	11 " 9	18 " 8
	563	2 " 6 " 11	5 " 16 " 8

Officers & Men	No Miles	The Amount at 1 <sup>d</sup> p <sup>t</sup> . Mile	The Amount of 1 Days pay for every 20 M
Serj <sup>t</sup> Abijah Mead	151	0 " 12 " 7	0 " 11 " 10
Serj <sup>t</sup> Levi Fletcher	137	11 " 5	10
Serj <sup>t</sup> John Scott	148	12 " 4	11 4
Serj <sup>t</sup> Silas Foster	140	11 " 8	11 1
	576	2 " 8 " 0	2 " 4 " 3
Corpp <sup>t</sup> Zebediah Farrer	151	0 " 12 " 7	0 " 10 " 6
Corpp <sup>t</sup> Isaac Corey	155	12 " 11	11 " 0
Corpp <sup>t</sup> Joseph Lawrance	132	11 " 0	9 " 3
Corp <sup>t</sup> Zacheus Richardson	153	12 " 9	10 " 6
Drumer Jonathan Hamblet	148	12 " 4	10 " 6
Fifer Benjamin Hazen	128	10 " 8	9 " 3
	867	3 " 12 " 3	3 " 1 "
Ebenezer White	140	0 " 11 " 8	0 " 9 " 4
Simon Hunt	140	11 " 8	9 " 4
Ephraim Forbush	140	11 " 8	9 " 4
Daniel Billings	151	12 " 7	10 " 1
Abel Adams	151	12 " 7	10 " 1
Henry Bond	155	12 " 11	10 " 4
Samuel Train	155	12 " 11	10 " 4
William Graves	155	12 " 11	10 " 4
Aaron Wright	147	12 " 3	9 " 9
David Evens	155	12 " 11	10 " 4
Amos Stow Jun <sup>r</sup>	147	12 " 3	9 " 9
Samuel Jewel	147	12 " 3	9 " 9
William Gammel	147	12 " 3	9 " 9
Richard Hay	147	12 " 3	9 " 9
Thaddeus Garfield	155	12 " 11	10 " 4
Peter Sterns	147	12 " 3	9 " 9
Stephen Blood Jun <sup>r</sup>	147	12 " 3	9 " 9
Francies Lagros	147	12 " 3	9 " 9

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Officers & Men	No Miles	The Amount at 1 <sup>d</sup> p <sup>r</sup> . Mile	The Amount of 1 Day's pay for every 20 M
Thomas Haseltine	132	11 " 0	8 " 5
Ephraim Nash	128	10 " 8	8 " 5
Amos Addams	128	10 " 8	8 " 6
James Fletcher	137	11 " 5	9
Samuel Kemp Jun <sup>r</sup>	128	10 " 8	8 " 5
Nathaniel Cutter	140	11 " 8	9 - 4
Amos Foster Jun <sup>r</sup>	148	12 - 4	9 " 10
John Simons	128	10 " 8	8 " 5
Jonathan Stephens	128	10 " 8	8 " 5
John Laughton	128	10 " 8	8 " 5
David Lakin	128	10 . 8	8 " 5
James Addams	128	10 " 8	8 " 5
Peter Butterfield	132	11 .	8 " 6
Ephraim Brown	132	11 .	8 " 6
Person Eaton	132	11 .	8 " 6
Job Dodge	138	11 " 6	9 "
Timothy Baker	138	11 " 6	9
Daniel Wheat	147	12 " 3	9 " 9
John Eaton	138	11 " 6	9
Joseph Saunderson	132	11 " 0	8 " 6
Oliver Green	132	11 "	8 " 6
Thomas Spauldin	132	11 "	8 " 6
Jonas Haseltine	132	11 "	8 " 6
John Dennis	137	11 " 5	9
John Pushee	138	11 " 6	9
Abner Kent Jun <sup>r</sup>	137	11 " 5	9
Joel Prescott	137	11 " 5	9
Daniel Haywood	147	12 " 3	9 " 8
Ebenezer Stone	146	12 " 2	9 " 7
Thomas Dutton	146	12 . 2	9 " 7
William Cambell	141	11 " 9	9 " 4
Samson Walker	141	11 " 9	9 " 4
Jonathan Bickford	141	11 " 9	9 " 4
Jonathan Taylor	148	12 " 4	9 " 10

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Officers & Men	No Miles	The Amount at 1 <sup>d</sup> pt. Mile	The Amount of 1 Days pay for every 20 M
Nathaniel Haywood	148	12 " 4	9 " 10
Zebulin Butmon	148	12 " 4	9 " 10
William Clough	148	12 - 4	9 " 10
John Wright	147	12 " 3	9 " 9
Timothy Crosby	147	12 - 3	9 " 9
John Senter	147	12 " 3	9 - 9
John Emery	141	11 " 9	9 " 4
Jacob Durant	148	12 " 4	9 " 10
Phillip Smith	141	11 " 9	9 " 4
Elias Macentire	147	12 " 3	9 " 9
Elnathan Sherrin	147	12 " 3	9 " 9
Josiah Fox	148	12 - 4	9 " 10
Joseph Taylor	147	12 " 3	9 - 9
Ceser Robins	141	11 " 9	9 " 4
Bristol Commings	147	12 " 3	9 - 9
Benjamin Bowers	147	12 " 3	9 " 9
Bradbury Robinson	147	12 " 3	9 " 9
Joseph Asgood	153	12 " 9	10

[Indorsed] A Milage Pay Roll Cap: Fitches Abstract

MOUNT HOPE OR TIE MILLS, Sept: 24<sup>th</sup> 1776

We the Subscribers Officers & Soldiers belonging to Cap: Zachariah Fitches Company Col: Sam: Brewers Regiment have Received in full our Milage & one Days pay for every twenty Miles to Bennington of Cap: Zachariah Fitch

NATHAN STOW	ZACHEUS RICHARDSON	JAMES FLETCHER
JOSIAH BOWERS Ju <sup>r</sup>	AMOS FOSTER	WILLIAM GRAUES
NE <sup>r</sup> BLODGET	ZEB <sup>n</sup> FARRAR	JOHN DENNIS
PEASON EATON	JOSEPH LAWRANCE	JOHN EMERY
his	SIMON HUNT	his
JOHN X EATON	EPHRAIN FORBUSH	NATHANIEL X CUTER
mark	AMOS ADAMS	mark
THADDEUS GARFIELD	LEVI FLETCHER	BRADBURY ROBINSON
JOHN SIMONDS		JONATHAN STEUENS

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JOSEPH TAYLOR	JOEL PRESCOTT	JOHN SENTER
OLIVER GREEN	JON <sup>AS</sup> BICKFORD	TIMOTHY CROSBY
SAMSON WALKER	JACOB DVRUNT	BENJ <sup>M</sup> BOWERS
JOHN PUSHE	DAVID EUANS	DANIEL BILLINGS
TIM <sup>O</sup> BAKER	ELIAS X MAKINTIRE	JONATHAN TAYLOR
WILLIAM CLOUGH	FRANCIS LAGROS	JOSEPH OSGOOD
EPHRAIM NASH	BENJA HAZEN	AARON WRIGHT
JOB DODGE	EPH <sup>M</sup> BROWN	NATHANIEL HEYWOOD
PHILIP SMITH	DANIEL HAWARD	his
SILAS FOSTER	THOMAS DUTTON	BRISTOL X COMING
SAMUEL KEMP Juner	EBEN STONE	mark
JOHN LAUGHTON	JOHN WRIGHT	JONAS HASELTINE
DAVID LAKIN	WILLIAM CAMPBELL	THOMAS HASSELTINE
ABNER KENT Ju <sup>r</sup>	ZEBULON BUTMAN	JOSEPH SARNDERSSON
ABIJAH MEAD	ELNATHAN SHERWIN	WILLIAM GAMMELL
EBENEZER WHITE	JONATHAN HAMBLET	JAMES ADAMS
JOHN SCOTT	ISAAC CORY	THO <sup>S</sup> SPAULDING
DANIEL WHEAT		CESER ROBINS
RICHARD HAY		PETER BUTTERFIED
ABEL ADAMS		AMOS STOW
PETER STEARNS		SAMUEL JEWEL
		JOSAH FOX

number of names 28    numbers of names 25

JAMES ADAMS    Recd one Dolar

[Indorsed] Soldiers Receipts

TY MILLS, 8<sup>th</sup> of October 1776

We the Subscribers officers and soldier belonging to Cap<sup>t</sup> Zech-  
ariah Fitches Company Col<sup>o</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Brewers Reg<sup>t</sup> have Receiv<sup>d</sup> the  
Full of our pay up to the 30<sup>th</sup> of September 1776

NATHAN STOW	DANIEL WHEAT	EPHRAIM FORBUSH
JOSIAH BOWERS	THADDEUS GARFIELD	ABIJAH MEAD
NE <sup>H</sup> BLODGET	JAMES ADAMS	JOB DODGE
	AARON WRIGHT	DAVID EUANS
AMOS ADAMS	JOHN DENNIS	SIMON HUNT
EPHRAIM NASH	OLIVER GREEN	PETER STEARNS
JOHN PUSHEE	BENJA HAZEN	CALVIN RANSOM
LEVI FLETCHER	JOSEPH OSGOOD	his
JOHN WRIGHT	JACOB DURUNT	FRANCIS X LAGROS
his	JONATHAN STEUENS	mark
NATHANIEL X CUTER		SAMUEL JEWEL
mark		

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JOEL PRESCOTT	ABNER KENT	JOHN EMERY
BENJ <sup>n</sup> BOWERS	JOHN SCOTT	EBEN WHITE
his	WILLIAM CAMPBELL	JOSIAH FOX
ZACHEUS X RICHARDSON	ZEBULON BUTMAN	
mark	THO <sup>s</sup> SPAULDING	
JON <sup>n</sup> BICKFORD	EPH <sup>m</sup> BROWN	
SAMSON WALKER	CESER ROBINS	
ZEB <sup>n</sup> FARRAR	TIM <sup>o</sup> BAKER	
NATHANIEL HEYWOOD	THOMAS DUTTON	
ELIAS X MACKENTIRE	EBEN <sup>r</sup> STONE	
BRISTOL X COMING	DAVID LAKIN	
JONAS HASELTINE	AMOS FOSTER	
THOMAS HASELTINE	PEASON EATON	
JONATHAN TAYLOR	JOHN EATON	
WILLIAM GRAVES	JONATHAN HAMBLET	
JOHN SIMONDS	WILLIAM CLOUGH	
JOHN SENTER	BRODBERY ROBINSON	
SAMUEL KEMP Juner	PETER BUTTERFIELD	
ABEL ADAMS	DANIEL HAWARD	
JOSEPH SARNDERSSON	TIMOTHY CROSBY	
ELNATHAN SHERWIN	AMOS STOW	
ISAAC CORY		
JOHN LAUGHTON		
HERY BOND		
WILLIAM GAMMELL		
RICHARD HAY		
JOSEPH LAWBRANCE		
SILAS FOSTER		

Number of names 32      Number 31

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GROTON Dec<sup>r</sup> 22<sup>d</sup> 1776

We the Subscribers Officers and Soldiers acknowledge that we have Rec<sup>d</sup> the whole of our wages and Rations of Every Cind whatsoever for our service in the United States under Cap<sup>t</sup> Zechariah Fitch in Co<sup>l</sup> Samuel Brewers Reg<sup>t</sup>

JOEL PRESCOTT	AMOS ADAMS	NE <sup>n</sup> BLODGET
JOHN SIMONDS	ISAAC CORY	JOSIAH BOWERS
EPHRAIM NASH	SAMUEL KEMP Jr	JOSEPH OSGOOD
BRADBURY ROBINSON	JOSEPH LAWBRANCE	
his	ZEBULON BUTMAN	
NATHANIEL X CUTER	EPH <sup>m</sup> BROWN	
mark		

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THOMAS HASSELTINE	JOSEPH TAYLOR Junr
JONAS HASELTINE	JOHN DENNIS
LEVI FLETCHER	JOSIAH FOX
PEASON EATON	JONATHAN TAYLOR
JOHN EATON	NATHANL CUTER
THOS SPAULDING	EPHRAIM NASH
ABNER KENT	ZEB <sup>n</sup> FARRAR
EBEN <sup>r</sup> STONE	WILLIAM CAMPBELL
BENJA HAZEN	SAMSON WALKER
JOHN LAUGHTON	JONATHAN BIGFORD
JOB DODGE	SAMUEL JEWEL
DAVID EUANS	PETER BUTTERFIELD
JONATHAN HAMBLET	HENRY BOND
ABIJAH MEAD	DANIEL HAWARD
ABEL ADAMS	OLIVER GREEN
JOHN SCOTT	SIMON HUNT in
JOHN DENNIS	behalf Simon Hunt Jur
SILAS FOSTER	JOEL PRESCOTT
AARON WRIGHT	JACOB D <sup>r</sup> RVNT
JOHN EMERY	AMOS STOW J <sup>r</sup>
NATHANIEL HEYWOOD	<sup>his</sup> BRISTOL X CUMENS
THOMAS DUTTON	<sup>mark</sup>
ELNATHAN SHERWIN	BENJ <sup>m</sup> BOWERS
DAVID LAKIN	TIMOTHY CROSBY
EPHRAIM FORBUSH	JOHN WRIGHT
total number 30	TIM <sup>o</sup> BAKER
	JAMES ADAMS

### *the names of those that have Rec<sup>d</sup> their Pay By sending orders*

Benjamin Bowers	Zacheus Richardson	Elias Mackentire
Timothy Crosby	Ceser Robins	Jonathan Steavens
Nathaniel Cuter	Peter Stearns	John Pushie
Joseph Sanderson	Daniel Wheet	<sup>his</sup> Philip X Smith
William Clough	William Gamel	<sup>mark</sup>
Calven Ransom	Abel Adams	Francis Lagros
William Graves	Daniel Billings	Thadeus Gafield
Amos Foster	Lovil Spalding	John Center
		Lf <sup>r</sup> Nathan Stow

[Indorsed] Soldiers Receipt



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On page 45 reference is made to a list of prisoners taken at Bunker Hill, on June 17, which is printed in "The New-England Chronicle: or, The Essex Gazette" (Cambridge), September 14, 1775. Partly for the convenience of the reader, and partly for the purpose of filling out some blank space here, I copy from the list the names of those persons who belonged in this neighborhood, as follows:—

Lieut. Col. Parker	of Chelmsford	Dead
Capt. Benjamin Walker	Ditto	Ditto
Lieut. Amaziah Fosset	Groton	Ditto
Serjeant Robert Phelps	Lancaster	Ditto
Oliver Stevens	Townsend	Ditto
Amasa Fisk	Pepperrell	Ditto
Archibald M'Intosh	Townsend	Ditto
David Kemp	Groton	Ditto
James Dodge	Edenburgh, Scot.	Ditto
Stephen Foster	Groton	Ditto

Lieutenant Amaziah Fassett, of Groton, an officer in the Westford company, died, on July 5, in Boston Jail, where these prisoners were confined. Amasa Fisk was undoubtedly the same as Amos Fisk who is mentioned on page 45. Without doubt James Dodge, of "Edenburgh, Scot.," was identical with James Dodge of Captain Asa Lawrence's company, who was taken prisoner on June 17, and died in Boston.

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The following Resolve is of interest, as it was passed only four days after the breaking out of hostilities. A few manuscript alterations of certain figures appear in the text of the original broadside, which in the copy are indicated within brackets. Such changes were added in order to make the Resolve conform to several amendments passed by the Provincial Congress on April 25.

It was voted, on April 24, that 300 copies of this Resolve "be printed in handbills," from one of which the copy given below is made. See "The Journals of each Provincial Congress of Massachusetts in 1774 and 1775" (Boston, 1838).

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*In Provincial Congress, at Watertown, April 23, 1775.*

**R**ESOLVED, That the following Establishment of Forces now immediately to be raised for the Recovery and Preservation of our undoubted Rights and Liberties, be as follows, viz.

	per Month.
To each Colonel of a Regiment of 1000 [590] Men, - £.	15 0 0
To 1 Lieut. Colonel of such Regiment, -	12 0 0
To 1 Major of such Regiment, -	10 0 0
For a Captain of 100 [59] Men, including Officers, -	6 0 0
For 2 [1] Lieutenants for such Company, each -	4 0 0
For 1 Ensign ditto, -	3 0 0
For 1 Adjutant for such Regiment, -	5 10 0
For 1 Quarter-Master ditto, -	3 0 0
For 1 Chaplain ditto, -	6 0 0
For 1 Chirurgeon ditto, -	7 10 0
For 2 [1] Surgeon's Mates ditto, each -	4 0 0
For each Serjeant, -	2 8 0
For each Corporal, -	2 4 0
For each Fifer, -	2 4 0
For each private Centinel, -	2 0 0

RESOLVED, That besides the above, a Coat for a Uniform, be given to each of the non-commission Officers and Privates, so soon as the State of the Province will admit of it.

Also RESOLVED, That the Selectmen of the several Towns and Districts within this Colony, be desired to furnish the Soldiers who shall enlist from their respective Towns and Districts with good and sufficient Blankets, and render their Accounts to the Committee of Supplies, who are hereby directed to draw on the Colony Treasurer for Payment of the same.

[*signed*] JOS WARREN President, P. T.

[Addressed] To Mr Zachariah Fitch Gent- of Groton

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**W**E whose Names are under-written, do hereby severally Inlist ourselves into the Service of the United American Colonies, and severally promise, and engage to continue in such Service until the first Day of December, 1776, unless sooner Discharged; and to furnish ourselves each with a good effective Fire-Arm, and if possible, a Bayonet fitted thereto, a Cartridge-Box and Blanket, or in Lieu of a Bayonet, a Hatchet or Tomahawk:—We also in like Manner promise and engage to obey all the lawful Commands of the Officers appointed or to be appointed over us, pursuant to the Resolves of the General Court of the Colony of Massachusetts-Bay; and under the Direction of such Officers to march, when ordered, with the utmost Dispatch, to the Northern Department or Canada, and to be subject to all such Rules and Regulations, in every Respect, as are provided for the Continental Army. as witness our Hands

July 31<sup>st</sup> 1776.

DANIEL HAWARD  
EBENEZER STONE JU.  
THOMAS DUTTON

[Indorsed] from Ashby &c =

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To Cap<sup>t</sup> FITCH

MALBROUGH Aug<sup>t</sup> 18 [1776.]

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I am inform<sup>d</sup> your Company of men belongs to Colo<sup>l</sup> Brewers Regiment, I have Receiv<sup>d</sup> Orders from Council to Direct all the Company<sup>s</sup> Belonging to the Regiment to Repair, as soon as possible to Bennington in yor<sup>k</sup> Govern<sup>t</sup> unless you have Receiv<sup>d</sup> Orders from Col<sup>o</sup> Brewer to march elsewhere, in hast Conclude  
y<sup>r</sup> Humb<sup>l</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup> SAM CARLTON

[Addressed] To Cap<sup>t</sup> Fitch at Groton Colony Service

[Indorsed] Marchings Orders

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To Cap<sup>t</sup> ZACHARIAH FITCH

SIR

You are hereby ordered to march the Company, belonging to the Regiment of which Samuel Brewer Esq<sup>r</sup> is Colonel except you have already received marching Orders from Col<sup>o</sup> Brewer, or Lieut Col<sup>o</sup>

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Careleton the most direct way to Bennington in York Government where they are to receive their Rations and Milage;— and from thence the safest Rout to Ticonderoga where you are to join the Continental Army You are also to take special care that your Men are kept under proper discipline; and that they be not permitted on their march to molest or injure any of the good people of the places thro' which they pass

and you are hereby directed to give proper orders to such of your Officers as may be, by you more immediately intrusted with their march to prevent the same

By Order of the Major Part of y<sup>e</sup> Council

In Council Aug<sup>t</sup> 23<sup>d</sup> 1776

JOHN AVERY *Dp<sup>r</sup> Sec<sup>r</sup>*

[Indorsed] Marching Orders

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TY MILLS Septem<sup>r</sup> 23<sup>d</sup> 1776

Reciv<sup>d</sup> of Cap Zach<sup>a</sup> Fitch Twenty two shillings in full for my Mileage and Days pay

STEPHEN BLOOD Jur

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TY MILLS Septimb<sup>r</sup> 23<sup>d</sup> 1776

This may Certify that I have Discharg<sup>d</sup> Stephen Blood from my Company, he having hired Lovel Spauldin [in] his Room allso Receiv<sup>d</sup> of s<sup>d</sup> Blood forty shillings to pay to s<sup>d</sup> Spauldin, provided he Tarry with the Company until y<sup>e</sup> 1<sup>t</sup> of Decemb<sup>r</sup> 1776, But if s<sup>d</sup> Spauldin should not Tarry out his time then to Return the forty shillings to s<sup>d</sup> Blood

ZECHARIAH FITCH *Cap<sup>t</sup>*

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S<sup>r</sup>

TY MILLS Septem<sup>r</sup> 23<sup>d</sup> 1776

please to pay to Cap<sup>t</sup> Zachariah Fitch the whole of my Wages which you shall Receive of the pay master & yo<sup>l</sup> Oblige y<sup>r</sup> Hum<sup>l</sup> Ser<sup>t</sup>

STEPHEN BLOOD Jun

To Col<sup>o</sup> SAM<sup>L</sup> BREWER

[Indorsed] Stephen Bloods orders

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TICONDEROGA 21<sup>st</sup> Sep<sup>r</sup> 1776

This may Certify that I have recv<sup>d</sup> of m<sup>r</sup> Steven Blood Junr an Order on the Paymaster of my Reg<sup>t</sup> For the whole of the wages that has or shall become due to Lovel Spaulding as a Soldier in Cap<sup>t</sup> Fitches Company in my Reg<sup>t</sup> which I promis the s<sup>d</sup> Steven that I will se the same stop<sup>d</sup> on the Role for him — witness my Hand

SAM<sup>L</sup> BREWER

GROTON Decr 21<sup>st</sup> 1776

I then Rec<sup>d</sup> of Cap<sup>t</sup> Zechariah Fitch the ful of the wages of Lovel Spolding within writen I Say Rec<sup>d</sup> By me

STEPHEN BLOOD Jur

*An abstract Pay Role of Cap<sup>t</sup> Zechariah Fitches Company in Col Samuel Brewers Rgiment From y<sup>e</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> Of November to y<sup>e</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> of December 1776*

Cap <sup>t</sup> Fitches Company	the One month	the Whole Pay	Deduction for Dead and Discharged	Still Dew	Total
1 Cap <sup>t</sup>	1	8- 0-0		8- 0-0	
1 1 <sup>st</sup> Leu <sup>t</sup>	1	5- 8-0		5- 8-0	
1 2 <sup>d</sup> Leu <sup>t</sup>	1	5- 8-0		5- 8-0	
1 Ensign	1	4- 0-0		4- 0-0	
4 Sargt	4	9-12-0		9-12-0	
6 Corp <sup>l</sup> fife Drum	6	13- 4-0		13- 4-0	
66 Prvets	66	132- 0-0	17-13-4	114 6-8	
		177-12-0	17-13-4	159-18-8	£159-18-8

ZECHARIAH FITCH Cap<sup>t</sup>

[Indorsed] Cap<sup>t</sup> Zech<sup>r</sup> Fitches Abstract Pay Role For y<sup>e</sup> month of November

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*An Abstract of Cap<sup>t</sup> Zechariah Fitches Company Comanded By Col<sup>d</sup> Samuel Brewer for their milage March y<sup>r</sup> 1777*

	No of Miles	amount at one Peny Pr Mile	amount at one Days Pay for 20 Miles	Total	
Cap <sup>t</sup> Zechariah Fitch	220	1- 0- 7	2-18-8	3-19-3	
1 Leu <sup>t</sup> Nathan Stow	220	0-13- 9	1-19-7	2-13-4	
2 <sup>d</sup> Leu <sup>t</sup> Josiah Bowers	220	0-13- 9	1-19-7	2-13-4	
Ens <sup>n</sup> Nemiah Blodget	220	0-13- 9	1- 9-4	2- 3-1	
4 Serg <sup>ts</sup>	880	3-13- 4	3-10-5	7- 3-9	
4 Corp <sup>s</sup> 1 Drum 1 fife	1320	5-10- 0	4-16-9	10- 6-9	
68 Privates	14960	62- 6- 8	49-17-4	112- 4-0	
	18040	74-11-10	66-11-8	141- 3-6	Total amount

*ZECHARIAH FITCH Cap<sup>t</sup>*

Suffolk ss: Boston March 24: 1777

The within Signing Zachariah Fitch Personally appeared & was  
Duly Sworn to the within Abstract

Before JONATHAN METCALF *Justice Peace*

[Indorsed] Cap<sup>t</sup> Fitches Abstract

The following paper is found among the Massachusetts Archives at the State House, but the preceding papers relating to Captain Fitch's company are now in my possession, having been given to me by Mrs. Amelia (Fitch) Rowe.

Delivered to Capt Zachariah Fitch of Groton 1 L<sup>t</sup> and 1 En<sup>s</sup> and 25 privats, and one privat to Capt Nathan Seargent of Malden all Inlisted mustered and paid by Simeon Spaulding and William Tompson Two of the Committee Appointed for that purpose

## Captain Job Shattuck

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Cap<sup>t</sup> Fitch<sup>s</sup> Company marched August 28: 1776.

In Obedience to an order of Council of the 21<sup>st</sup> of august we  
Present the following acct

[Indorsed] Return men in Middlesex when the Rolls are Deficient.

Towns Sam. Fay Woburn Ja<sup>s</sup> Bancroft Reading Jn<sup>o</sup> Ford Chelmsford  
Zac Fitch Groton Nath Sargent Malden July, 1776, & aug  
Acc muster rolls by Simeon Spalding & W<sup>m</sup> Thompson  
The inclos'd is evidence for Absent Rolls.

(Massachusetts Archives, Revolutionary Papers, XLI. 103)

### *Captain Job Shattuck*

Job Shattuck was a son — the youngest of eight children — of William and Margaret (Lund) Shattuck, and was born at Groton, on February 11, 1736. He began his military life as a private in Captain Ephraim Jones's company, which served in an expedition sent to Nova Scotia under Colonel John Winslow in the year 1755 to bring away the poor French families from that Province. He went as First Lieutenant in a militia company, that marched from Groton on April 19, 1775, of which Josiah Sartell was Captain, and Shattuck Blood, Second Lieutenant. There is no record at the State House to show that he was at the Battle of Bunker Hill, as has been stated in print. His name is found next on the Muster-roll of Captain Henry Haskell's company, dated at Cambridge, January 13, 1776, where he appears still as a First Lieutenant. On another document (Massachusetts Archives, XLI. 148), dated January, 1776, he appears as the captain of a company recently formed, and was duly commissioned by the Council, on February 12. This company went to Boston when that town was evacuated by the British troops in March. Throughout the War Captain Shattuck's career was honorable and patriotic, and no soldier had a better record for his military service. Unfortunately for his good name, a few years later, he became a leader in Shays's

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Rebellion, which broke out during a very gloomy period in the history of the Commonwealth. While there may have been some extenuating circumstances connected with the movement, no valid excuse can be given for the steps then taken in order to right political wrongs.

It is enough to say that Captain Shattuck, for his part in the insurrection, was tried before the Supreme Judicial Court and convicted of treason, and sentenced to be hanged on June 28, 1787, but on the day before this, a reprieve was granted until July 26; then, on the day preceding this, the execution of the sentence was again postponed to September 20; and on the 12th of that month he received a full and unconditional pardon.

It is but just to his memory, however, to add that he was a member of the church and much respected by his townsmen. At the time of the rebellion he was near the middle age of life, and a man of great bodily vigor. He was the son of a respectable farmer, and himself a large land-owner. Strong and athletic in person, skilled in the use of the broadsword and proud of the accomplishment, utterly insensible to fear and having a good war-record, — all these qualities, aided by his position and means, gave him great influence among his neighbors. He paid dearly for his errors, as the crutch which he used until the day of his death would testify; and we can well afford now to be charitable to the memory of the poor misguided men who took part in that needless and wicked rebellion.

Captain Shattuck died at the home of his youngest son Noah at Groton, on January 13, 1819. He was married, first, on May 25, 1758, to Sarah, eldest child of Samuel and Sarah (Holden) Hartwell, who was born on March 19, 1738, and died on May 5, 1798; and, secondly, on May 2, 1800, to Mrs. Elizabeth Gragg, daughter of William and Miriam Lakin, and widow of John Gragg, to whom she was married on October 19, 1763, who died on June 1, 1824, five years after the death of her second husband.



## Captain Job Shattuck

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Captain Shattuck organized a company which did duty for a few days in the spring of 1776, when the town of Boston was evacuated. The following papers relate to the matter, and give the pay-roll of the company.

February y<sup>e</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> 1776

To the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Council and House of Reprsetiv of the Colony of the mass<sup>a</sup> Bay

this may Certify that a Company of militia Commanded by Capt Henry Haskell Job Shattuck first and Sam<sup>l</sup> Gilson Second Lieu Consisting of Seventy men officers included Said officers behaved themselves as Good officers and appeared faithfull in the Cause we are now Engaged in

W<sup>m</sup> PRESCOTT Col

In Council Feb<sup>y</sup> 23<sup>d</sup> 1776

Read & ordered that the within named Officers be commissioned agreable to their several Ranks within certified

Perez Morton D Sec<sup>y</sup>

[Indorsed] Cap<sup>t</sup> Henry Haskells [*gone*] orderd to be com<sup>d</sup> under Col<sup>o</sup> Prescot Feb<sup>y</sup> 23<sup>d</sup> 1776 Dec<sup>r</sup> 10<sup>th</sup>

(Massachusetts Archives, Revolutionary Papers, XLIII. 289)

Att a meeting of a Company of Men Raised from the Towns of Groton Letteltown Pepperrel Shirley Townshend & Ashby after being formed into a Company by Direction of a Committee of y<sup>e</sup> Court to Joyn the army till the first of April Next the s<sup>d</sup> Company made Choice of the following Gentlemen for their officers (viz<sup>th</sup>)

Job Shattuck Cap<sup>t</sup>

Peter Butterfield 1<sup>st</sup> Leu<sup>t</sup>

Daniel Fisk 2<sup>d</sup> Leu<sup>t</sup>

John Robins Ens<sup>n</sup>

Jan<sup>y</sup> 1776 JOSIAH SARTELL one of s<sup>d</sup> Com<sup>tee</sup>

In Council Feb<sup>y</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> 1776 Read & ordered that the within named Persons be commissionated, agreable to y<sup>e</sup> respective Ranks, within certified

Perez Morton D Sec<sup>y</sup>

[Indorsed] Order to com<sup>n</sup> Officers of a Comp<sup>y</sup> of y<sup>e</sup> reinforce<sup>t</sup> to April next from Groton &c Feb<sup>y</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> 76 Cap Job Shattuck

(Massachusetts Archives, Revolutionary Papers, XLI. 148)

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CAMBRIDGE March 1776

*A Pay Rool of Capt. Job Shattuck's Company in Col. John Robinson's  
Reg<sup>n</sup> of Militia from the Time they were Inlisted Before We  
marched from our Respective Towns for Camp.*

Mens Names	No Days	Mens Names	No of Days
Cap <sup>t</sup> Job Shattuck	8	Amos Dole	8
Lieu <sup>t</sup> Peter Butterfield	6	Ivory Wyles	8
Lieu <sup>t</sup> Daniel Fisk	6	Samuel Walker	8
Ensig <sup>n</sup> John Robbins	9	Jonathan Hartwell	8
Sarg <sup>t</sup> James Parker	8	Solomon Pierce	8
Sarg <sup>t</sup> Sam <sup>l</sup> March	6	Abel Chase	8
S. Abner Whetcomb	6	James Edgerton	8
Sarg <sup>t</sup> Noah Farrar	6	Charles Phips	8
Corp <sup>l</sup> Solomon Cooper	9	Sam <sup>l</sup> Barritt	8
Corp <sup>l</sup> Simon Holdin	8	Sampson Bowers	6
Corp <sup>l</sup> Jon <sup>s</sup> Lewis	6	Benj <sup>s</sup> Hudson	6
Corp <sup>l</sup> Isaac Patch	8	David Tarbell	6
Drum <sup>r</sup> David Fisk	6	David Tarble Jun <sup>r</sup>	6
Fifer Lem <sup>l</sup> Parker.	6	Abraham Shattuck	6
Francis Mitchel	8	Ezekiel Parham	6
Elisha Hoit	8	Phillip Lovejoy	6
Benj <sup>s</sup> Bennitt	8	Daniel Shed	6
John Fyfe	6	Edmund Wright	6
Stephen Stimson	8	Levi Woods	6
Nehemiah Parker	8	Hinchman Warren	6
Joseph Moors	6	Moses Warren	6
Nathan Warren	6	Asa Hale	6
Hezekiah Kemp	6	Daniel Clarke	6
Obadiah Jenkins	6	Daniel Conant	6
Richard Holden	8	Daniel Holt Jun <sup>r</sup>	6
Jonas Taylor	6	Ebenezer Ball	6
Josiah Warren	6	Thaddeus Spaulding	6
Sam <sup>l</sup> Rockwood	6	Stephen Warren	6
Levi Sampson	6	William Clark	6
Abraham Moors	6	James Lock	6

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Mens Names	No Days	Mens Names	No of Days
John Simonds	6	James Hosley	6
Simeon Brooks	6	John Sartall	6
Harbers Farnworth	6	Jonathan Baley	6
Abel Sartall	6	Daniel Campbell	6
Jonathan Tarbel	6	Ephraim Warren	6
Mitchel Richards	6	Moses Blanchard	6
Simeon Bigelow	9	Abel Hildreth	6
John Robbins	9	Tim <sup>e</sup> Emerson	6
Josiah Davis	9	John Emerson	6
Ebenez <sup>r</sup> Davis	9	Benj <sup>a</sup> Colman	6
Gideon Sanderson	9	Ephraim Gibson	6
William Farr	9	James Jones	6
Daniel Collins	9	Jonathan Foster	6
Sam <sup>n</sup> Robbins	9	John Gibson	6
John Brown	9		

JOB SHATTUCK *Capt*

Middlesex ss April 1. 1776

Captain Job Shattuck the Subscriber of the above pay Roll personally appeared and made Solemn Oath to the Truth of the Same  
Before me JON<sup>a</sup> HASTINGS *Justice Peace*

The Comtee on this Roll have Examined the same and beg leave to report by way of resolve (viz)

In House of Representatives June 1776

Resolved that there be paid out of the Publick Treasury of this Colony unto Cap Job Shattuck the sum of Forty Two pounds Seven Shillings and Eight pence for the vse of the men borne on this Roll

[Indorsed] Cap<sup>t</sup> Job Shattuck's Roll

(Massachusetts Archives, Revolutionary Papers, LV. File N, 30)

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Captain Shattuck organized another company which did duty in the neighborhood of Fort Ticonderoga; and on the rolls at the State House it is credited with five months' service from July 1 to November 30, 1777. According to Amos Farnsworth's Diary, it marched from Groton on July 23, and returned on December 7. The following Abstract of a Muster-roll is the only list of the company that I have been able to find:—

*An Abstract Muster Rool for milage and Billiting money for Cap<sup>t</sup>. Job Shattucks Company in in Col<sup>o</sup>. Jonathan Reads Reg<sup>t</sup>. for one penny a mile and a days pay for every Twenty mile from Saratoga to their Respective Homes Groton Jan<sup>r</sup>. 26: 1777*

Mens Names	Rank	Towns belonging to	Miles Travil
Job Shattuck	Cap <sup>t</sup>	Groton	230
Silas Peirce	Lieu <sup>t</sup>	Pepperill	225
Nathan Conant	Lt	Townsend	220
Amos Farnsworth	Ens <sup>n</sup>	Groton	230
Benj <sup>t</sup> Nutting	Serg <sup>t</sup>	Pepperill	225
Abner Adams	Serj <sup>t</sup>	Townsend	220
Sam <sup>l</sup> Hemingway	Serj <sup>t</sup>	Groton	230
Abel Parker	Serj <sup>t</sup>	Pepperill	225
William Stevens	Corp <sup>l</sup>	Townsend	220
Joseph Page	Corp <sup>l</sup>	Groton	230
James M <sup>c</sup> Connen	Corp <sup>l</sup>	Pepperill	225
Ephraim Robbins	Corp <sup>l</sup>	Groton	230
Lemuel Parker	Fifer	Groton	230
Twenty Four	Privates	Groton	230 m each
Sixteen	Do	Pepperill	225 <sup>m</sup> each
Seventeen	Do	Townsend	220 Each

Total of men 70

One Private for milage and Billiting from Groton to }  
Ticondaroga who was Excluded in the first abstract }

JOB SHATTUCK Cap<sup>t</sup>

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Suffolk ss Feb<sup>y</sup> 1. 1777

Sworn before NATH<sup>l</sup> BAYLEY *Jus Pe*

Exam<sup>d</sup> & allowed

Copy      pr NATH<sup>l</sup> BAYLEY

SETH LORING *Clerk to y<sup>e</sup> Com<sup>as</sup> on part of y<sup>e</sup> Board*

In Council Feb<sup>y</sup> 3- 1777

Read & allowed & ordered that a Warrant be drawn on the Treasury for £126, 6, 5 in full of this Abstract

JN<sup>o</sup> AVERY *Dp<sup>y</sup> Sec<sup>y</sup>*

[Indorsed] Cap<sup>t</sup> Job Shattuck's Abstract from Ticond<sup>a</sup> Due £126, 6, 5  
Col<sup>o</sup> Reads Reg<sup>t</sup>

(Massachusetts Archives, Revolutionary Papers, LV. File L, 35)

### *Captain Nathaniel Lakin*

Captain Lakin was the youngest son of James and Elizabeth (Williams) Lakin, of Groton, where he was born on December 13, 1728. His marriage is entered on the church records, under date of January 23, 1755, as follows:—"Nathaniel Lakin of Pepperrill & Sybil Parker of Groton." The company was recruited from the neighborhood of Groton, and the men belonged in various towns. I print both the Muster-roll and the Pay-roll, which are very similar, but not identical. My grandfather, Samuel Lawrence, was a commissioned officer in the command.

At the beginning of the War Captain Lakin was a minuteman, and at different times during the Revolution he served as captain in various regiments. His term of service extended at intervals to the end of the War.

*Mustering Roll of Capt. Nath<sup>n</sup>. Lakins Company in the Service of the United States Commanded by Col.<sup>o</sup> John Robinson engaged for Six Months from July y<sup>e</sup>. 1<sup>st</sup> 1777 taken to Dec<sup>r</sup>. 18<sup>th</sup>. 1777*

Commissioned		{ Nath <sup>l</sup> Lakin John Chaney Sam <sup>l</sup> Lawrence Ephraim Brown		Captain 1 <sup>st</sup> Lieu <sup>t</sup> 2 <sup>d</sup> Lieu <sup>t</sup> Ensign	June y <sup>e</sup> 27 <sup>th</sup> 1777	{ On Furlough [In pencil] "taken from the paper of Susana Lawrence and of Leu <sup>t</sup> Sam <sup>l</sup> Lawrence H H S"
Sergeants	Shebuel Conant John Scott Eph <sup>m</sup> Russell William Kemp	When Initisted July 20 Aug <sup>t</sup> 1 <sup>st</sup> Ditto July 7 <sup>th</sup>	Remarks Major Fifer	Corporals Sam <sup>l</sup> Moody Emerson James Commings Thomas Nichols Eleaz <sup>r</sup> Butterfield	When Initisted July 20 July 7 <sup>th</sup> Ditto Aug. 1 <sup>st</sup>	Remarks
Drum & Fife	Robinson Lakin Lemuel Parker	When Initisted Aug <sup>t</sup> 1 <sup>st</sup> July 7 <sup>th</sup>	Remarks Major Fifer	Made up in the Staff Roll		

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Privates	When Inlisted	Remarks		Privates	When Inlisted	Remarks
1 David Jenkins	July 7 <sup>th</sup>	on Duty	21	John Perham	D <sup>o</sup>	
2 Uriel Whitney	Ditto.		22	Daniel Willard	D <sup>o</sup>	
3 Moses Chase	D <sup>o</sup>	on Duty	23	Josiah Moshure	July 20.	
4 Thomas Tarbell	D <sup>o</sup>		24	John Chamberland	Aug: 1 <sup>st</sup>	
5 Henry Swan	D <sup>o</sup>		25	Abel Lakin	Ditto.	
6 Oliver Farnsworth	D <sup>o</sup>		26	Lemuel Parker	D <sup>o</sup>	on Duty
7 Moses Ames	D <sup>o</sup>		27	Jon <sup>s</sup> Tarbell	Aug: 1 <sup>st</sup>	on Duty
8 John Trowbridge	D <sup>o</sup>	on Duty	28	Sam <sup>l</sup> Wymen	Ditto.	on Duty
9 Amos Ames	D <sup>o</sup>	on Duty	29	Josiah Robins	D <sup>o</sup>	
10 Isaac Williams	D <sup>o</sup>	on Duty	30	Isaac Wetherbee	D <sup>o</sup>	
11 Ambrus Lakin	D <sup>o</sup>		31	Nathan Shattuck	D <sup>o</sup>	
12 Daniel Wetherbee	D <sup>o</sup>		32	John Shattuck	D <sup>o</sup>	
13 James Darling	D <sup>o</sup>		33	Ebenez <sup>r</sup> Ball	D <sup>o</sup>	
14 Sam <sup>l</sup> Lovejoy	July 7 <sup>th</sup>		34	Ebenez <sup>r</sup> Giles	D <sup>o</sup>	
15 Abner Lovejoy	Ditto		35	Israel Stone	D <sup>o</sup>	
16 Thomas Caprin	D <sup>o</sup>	on Duty	36	Philip Butterfield	D <sup>o</sup>	
17 Philip Lovejoy	D <sup>o</sup>		37	Richard Francis	D <sup>o</sup>	
18 Aaron Farmer	D <sup>o</sup>		38	Ebenez <sup>r</sup> French	D <sup>o</sup>	
19 Jon <sup>s</sup> French	D <sup>o</sup>		39	Jon <sup>s</sup> Patts	D <sup>o</sup>	
20 Peter Gillson	D <sup>o</sup>	Sick in Camp	40	Jonah Johnston	July 7 <sup>th</sup>	Discharged Dec: 17

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NORTH KINGSTON Dec<sup>r</sup> 18<sup>th</sup> 1777 Mustered then Captains Lakins  
Compan<sup>y</sup> as Specified in the Above Roll

AND<sup>r</sup> BROWN D<sup>r</sup> Must<sup>r</sup> Master

We Do Sware that the Within Muster Roll is a True State of  
the Company Without Fraud to these United States or Any Indi-  
viduals According to the Best of our Knowledge

JOHN CHANEY Lieut.

SAM<sup>l</sup> LAWRENCE Lieut.

Sworn Before me this 18<sup>th</sup> Day of Dec<sup>r</sup> 1777

DANIEL HALL Justice of Peace

[Indorsed] Muster Roll when Mustered by Major Brown

(Massachusetts Archives, Revolutionary Papers, II. 184)

*Pay Roll of Bounty due to Capt. Nath<sup>l</sup> Lakins Compy Col. John  
Robinsons Reg<sup>t</sup> from Massachusetts State for service done att Rhod  
island from the first of July to the Last of Dec<sup>m</sup> 1777 Exclusive  
of three Pounds Rec<sup>d</sup>. By Each soldier*

Mens Names	Time of Inlisting	Time of Service	
		M D	
Shubuel Conant	July 20 <sup>th</sup>	2 " 11	
John scott	August 1 <sup>st</sup>	2 "	
Eph <sup>r</sup> Russell	Ditto	2 "	
Will <sup>m</sup> Kemp	July 7 <sup>th</sup>	2 " 25	
Sam <sup>l</sup> Moody Emerson	July 20	2 " 11	
James Commings	July 7 <sup>th</sup>	2 " 17	Deserted 23 Decemb <sup>r</sup>
Thomas Nichols	D <sup>o</sup>	2 " 17	Deserted 23 Decb <sup>r</sup>
Eleaz <sup>r</sup> Butterfield	August 1 <sup>st</sup>	2 "	
Lemuel Parker	July 7 <sup>th</sup>	2 " 17	Deserted 23 Decemb <sup>r</sup>
Robinson Lakin	Aug <sup>t</sup> 1 <sup>st</sup>	2 "	
David Jenkins	July 7 <sup>th</sup>	2 " 25	
Uriel Whitney	D <sup>o</sup>	2 " 25	
Moses Chase	D <sup>o</sup>	2 " 25	
Thomas Tarbell	D <sup>o</sup>	2 " 25	
Henry swan	D <sup>o</sup>	2 " 25	
Oliver Farnsworth	D <sup>o</sup>	2 " 25	



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Men's Names	Time of Inlisting	Time of Service	
		M D	
Moses Ames	July 7 <sup>th</sup>	2 " 25	
John Trobridge	D <sup>o</sup>	2 " 25	
Amos Ames	D <sup>o</sup>	2 " 25	
Isaac Williams	D <sup>o</sup>	2 " 25	
[Ambrose] Lakin	D <sup>o</sup>	2 " 25	
[D]aniel Wethe[rbee]	D <sup>o</sup>	2 " 25	
James Darling	D <sup>o</sup>	2 " 25	
Sam <sup>l</sup> Lovejoy	D <sup>o</sup>	2 " 25	
Abner Lovejoy	D <sup>o</sup>	2 " 25	
Thomas Caprin	D <sup>o</sup>	2 " 25	
Philip Lovejoy	D <sup>o</sup>	2 " 25	
Aaron Farmer	D <sup>o</sup>	2 " 25	
Daniel Willard	D <sup>o</sup>	2 " 25	
Peter Gillson	D <sup>o</sup>	2 " 25	
Jonah Johnston	D <sup>o</sup>	2 " 15	Dischargd Decemb <sup>r</sup> 12 Allowed 10 Days To Return home
Jon <sup>s</sup> French	D <sup>o</sup>	2 " 25	
John Perham	D <sup>o</sup>	2 " 17	Desert <sup>d</sup> 23 Decemb <sup>r</sup>
Josiah Moshuer	July 20	2 " 11	
John Chamberland	Aug <sup>t</sup> 1 <sup>st</sup>	2 "	
Abel Lakin	Ditto	2 "	
Lemuel Parker	D <sup>o</sup>	2 "	
Jonathan Tarbell	D <sup>o</sup>	2 "	
Sam <sup>l</sup> Wyman	D <sup>o</sup>	2 "	
Josiah Robins	D <sup>o</sup>	2 "	
Isaac Wetherbee	D <sup>o</sup>	2 "	
Nathan Shattuck	D <sup>o</sup>	2 "	
John Shattuck	D <sup>o</sup>	2 "	
Ebenez <sup>r</sup> Ball	D <sup>o</sup>	2 "	
Ebenez <sup>r</sup> Jilles	D <sup>o</sup>	2 "	
Israel Stone	D <sup>o</sup>	2 "	
Philip Butterfield	D <sup>o</sup>	2 "	
Richard Francis	D <sup>o</sup>	2 "	
Ebenez <sup>r</sup> French	D <sup>o</sup>	2 "	
Jon <sup>s</sup> Patts	D <sup>o</sup>	2 "	

NATH<sup>LL</sup> LAKIN Cap<sup>t</sup>

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Cap<sup>t</sup> Nath<sup>l</sup> Lakins Roll in Coll<sup>o</sup> Robinsons Regiment for Service to Rhode Island

Examined & found Due £114-10-0 Jonathan Metcalf <sup>W</sup> order

Exam<sup>d</sup> & the above Sum is Due A Fuller <sup>W</sup> order to be made payable to Lieu<sup>t</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Lawrance

In Council June 19<sup>th</sup> 1778

R<sup>d</sup> & All<sup>d</sup> & Ordered that a Warrant be drawn on the Treasury for £114. 10. 0 in full of this Roll

JN<sup>o</sup> AVERY D<sup>r</sup> Sc<sup>r</sup>

Middlesex ss Groton Mar 25<sup>th</sup> 1778 Then Cap<sup>t</sup> Nath<sup>l</sup> Lakin made Solemn oath to the muster Roll that the Sum is Just and True according to his Best Knowledge Concerning the Same

Before JOSIAH SARTELL *Justice peace*

(Massachusetts Archives, Revolutionary Papers, II. 180)

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Captain Abishai Brown was of Concord, and, according to the following papers, there was a Groton man in his company.

*Abstract of Cap<sup>t</sup> Abishai Brown Company In the Colony Service  
Col<sup>o</sup> Josiah Whitney Regiment*

Mens Names	Rank	Towns they Belong to	No. miles
[Obediah] Genkins	Private	Groton	40

ABISHAI BROWN *Cap<sup>t</sup>*

Suffolk ss. June 24 1776

Then Cap<sup>t</sup> Abishai Brown made oath to y<sup>e</sup> truth of the Above Roll

Before me B LINCOLN *Jus Peace*

BOSTON Decem<sup>r</sup> 3. 1776. Then adjusted the within Role with David Jeffries paymaster and Received of him One hundred forty five pounds nine shillings and five pence in full of the within

£145 - 9-5

EPHRAIM JACKSON *L<sup>t</sup> Col<sup>o</sup>*

[Indorsed] Cap<sup>t</sup> Abishai Brown's Roll in Col<sup>o</sup> Whitneys Regim<sup>t</sup> 1776  
£145. 9. 5

(Massachusetts Archives, Revolutionary Papers, LV. File L, 36)

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*A Muster-roll of Cap<sup>t</sup>. Abishai Brown Company in Colonel Josiah Whitney Regiment Raised By the State of the Massachusetts Bay, — From the First of November 1776 Up to the First of December AD. 1776 — and one Day for Every 20 Miles Travel*

CAMP AT HULL November y<sup>e</sup> 27<sup>th</sup> 1776

Mens Names	Rank	Towns Names	N <sup>o</sup> of miles	Months M days
Obediah Ginkins	[Private]	Groton	70	1 3

In Council Dec<sup>r</sup>. 5. 1776

Read and allowed and Ordered that a Warrant be drawn on the Treasury for £178. 3. 7. in full of this Roll

JOHN AVERY *Dpy Secy*

[Indorsed] Cap<sup>t</sup>. Abisha Brown's Roll, in Col<sup>o</sup> Marshalls Reg<sup>t</sup>. Dec<sup>r</sup>. 1776 Due £178. 3. 7 p<sup>r</sup> WOODBRIDGE BROWN Copy SETH LORING *Clerk to y<sup>e</sup> Com<sup>t</sup>. on the part of the Board*

(Massachusetts Archives, Revolutionary Papers, LV. File L, 49)

Captain Thomas Warren belonged in Townsend, but more than one third of his company were Groton men. Harbor Farnsworth was so named from the fact that he was born in Boston harbor in a boat, on June 10, 1756.

*A Return of Captain Thomas Warrens Company in Co<sup>l</sup>. Brooks Regiment October 31<sup>th</sup> 1776*

Mens Names	Presint fit for Dutey	Sick	Sent with the wounded	Sent with the Sick	Place from whence they Came
Lieu <sup>t</sup> Joseph Rockwood	1				Groton
Serj <sup>t</sup> Samuel Gragg		1			Groton
Corp <sup>t</sup> Asa Porter	1				Groton
John Gragg		1			Groton
Jon <sup>s</sup> Boyden		1			Groton
Harbor Farnsworth	1				Groton
Samuell Teel		1			Groton
Nehemiah Lawrence	1				Groton
Paul Fletcher				1	Groton

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Mens Names	Presint fit for Duty	Sick	Sent with the wounded	Sent with the Sick	Place from whence they Came
Joseph Moors	1				Groton
Jacob Patch			1		Groton
Jon <sup>s</sup> Tarble	1				Groton
Simeon Williams	1				Groton
Abel Sawtell	1				Groton
William keemp	1				Groton
Phinehas hemmingway		1			Groton
Jonathan Capron		1			Groton
Benj <sup>s</sup> Fisk		1			Groton
Richard holden	1				Groton
Jonathan Stone	1				Groton
Oliver Lakin	1				Groton
Gabriel Lakin		1			Groton
Abel Farwell	1				Groton

[Indorsed] Cap: Warrens Return Col<sup>o</sup> Brooks Oct<sup>o</sup> 31 1776 White Plains  
(Massachusetts Archives, Revolutionary Papers, XXIV. 55)

Captain John Minot was of Chelmsford, and he had in his company a dozen or more Groton men. One of them, a mere lad, lost his life on Dorchester Heights, according to an epitaph in the old burying-ground at Groton, as follows:—

[*Cherub's Head.*]

Memento Mori

Here lies the Body  
of M<sup>r</sup> Nathaniel Ston<sup>e</sup>  
son of M<sup>r</sup> Nathaniel  
Stone & M<sup>rs</sup> Sybel  
his wife who died  
in his Countrys ser-  
vice on Dorchester-  
Hill Oct<sup>r</sup> 22<sup>d</sup> 1776.  
Aged 17 years one  
month & 22 days.

*A Pay Role of Travill and Wages Due to Cap<sup>t</sup> John Minots Company in Col<sup>t</sup> Dikes Reg<sup>t</sup> for the Travill from their Placies of Abode to the Heights of Dorchester the Place of Rendesvows And back to their Respective homes, and one Days Wages for Every Twenty Miles home.*

Mens Names	Towns	Number of Miles to and from Encampment	The N <sup>o</sup> of Days Travilling home
Benjamin Lawrance	Groton	82	2
Roland Lawrance	Groton	82	2
Abel Kemp	do	82	2
Benj <sup>t</sup> Patch	do	82	2
Simeon Brooks	do	82	2
William Shead	do	82	2
Ezra Prescott	do	82	2
Nathaniel Stone	do	82	2
Benj <sup>t</sup> Farwell	do	82	2
Salmon Whitney	do	82	2
Shattuck Blood	do	82	2

JOHN MINOT *Cap<sup>t</sup>*

In Council Nov<sup>r</sup> 30. 1776

Read and Allowed and Ordered that a Warrent be drawn on the Treasury for £60, 12, 2. in full of this Roll

JOHN AVERY *Dp<sup>r</sup> Sec<sup>r</sup>*

[Indorsed] 34 Cap<sup>t</sup> John Minots milage Roll in Col<sup>t</sup> Dikes Reg<sup>t</sup> at Dorchester Highs Nov 1776 Exam<sup>d</sup> & Dar [Drawn] £60. 12. 2. Copy D SEWALL.

(Massachusetts Archives, Revolutionary Papers, LV. File L, 34)

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### *A Muster Roll of Cap<sup>t</sup>. John Minor's Comp<sup>y</sup>. In Colonel Dikes Regiment.*

Month	days	Names	Rank	Town	Casualties
Dec <sup>r</sup> [1776]	1 <sup>st</sup>	Benj <sup>n</sup> : Lawrence	1 <sup>st</sup> Leiu <sup>t</sup>	Groton	discharg'd 13 Feb <sup>y</sup>
	13	Asa Porter	Serj <sup>t</sup>	Groton	
	d <sup>o</sup>	Edmund Blood	Corp <sup>t</sup>	Groton	
	d <sup>o</sup>	Jo[ath] <sup>n</sup> : C[ap]ron	Private	Groton	
	d <sup>o</sup>	Simeon Williams	d <sup>o</sup>	d <sup>o</sup>	
	1	Salmon Whitney	d <sup>o</sup>	d <sup>o</sup>	
	d <sup>o</sup>	Benj <sup>n</sup> : Farwell	d <sup>o</sup>	d <sup>o</sup>	
	d <sup>o</sup>	Cotton Proctor	d <sup>o</sup>	d <sup>o</sup>	
	d <sup>o</sup>	Solmon Gilson	d <sup>o</sup>	d <sup>o</sup>	
	d <sup>o</sup>	Ephraim Farwell	d <sup>o</sup>	d.	
	d <sup>o</sup>	Shattuck Blood	d <sup>o</sup>	d <sup>o</sup>	
	13	Jon <sup>n</sup> : Teel	d <sup>o</sup>	d <sup>o</sup>	
	1	Roland Lawrence	d <sup>o</sup>	d <sup>o</sup>	

(Massachusetts Archives, Revolutionary Papers, XXVI. 428)

Captain Oliver Lyman belonged in Northampton, and Captain John Hartwell in Lincoln.

### *A Muster Roll of Cap<sup>t</sup>. [Oliver] Lyman's Comp<sup>y</sup>. In Colonel Dikes Regiment.*

Month	days	Names	Rank	Town	Casualties
Dec <sup>r</sup>	1 [1776]	Benj <sup>n</sup> : Shaw	Serj <sup>t</sup>	Groton	discharg'd 28 Jan <sup>y</sup> 1777

(Massachusetts Archives, Revolutionary Papers, XXVI. 418)

### *A Muster Roll of Cap<sup>t</sup>. [John] Hartwell Comp<sup>y</sup>. In Colonel Dikes Regiment.*

Month	Days	Names	Rank	Town
Dec <sup>r</sup>	14 [1776]	Tho <sup>s</sup> : White	Drum <sup>r</sup>	Groton
"	"	Eben <sup>s</sup> : Farnsworth	Private	Groton

(Massachusetts Archives, Revolutionary Papers, XXVI. 422)

# Three-Years Men

81

Captain Josiah White lived in Spencer.

*A Return of the men Inlisted into the Contental Servis out of my  
Company in the year 1777 During the war or 3 years*

Names of the men ingaged in Servis	Towns thay Belong to	Towns for which they in- listed or hired	Capt under which thay inlisted	Colos und which thay serve	Time when their in- gament End
David Williams	Groton	Spencer	Cap Stone	Colo Brewr	3 year Febury 1777

the above is a true account of the men inlisted out of my Company  
in Co<sup>n</sup> Deneyes Reg<sup>t</sup> atest JOSIAH WHITE *Capt*

Worester ss Charlton february 16 1778

personeley apeared Before me Capt Josiah White the siner and  
made oath that the Within account is Just and True  
Before me

ABIAH LAMB *Com<sup>de</sup>*

[Indorsed] Cap<sup>t</sup> White of Spencer 1778

(Massachusetts Archives, Revolutionary Papers, XLI. 190)

*Names of Men Inlisted into the Continental Army, in Alphabetical  
Order 3 years men from 1777*

## COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX

PAGE	Mens Names	The Towns they Belong to	The Town for wh Inlisted or hired
109	Ames Eliezer	Groton	Groton
112	Blood Caleb Ju <sup>t</sup>	Groton	Groton
	Blood John	D <sup>o</sup>	D <sup>o</sup>
	Bigelow Aaron	D <sup>o</sup>	D <sup>o</sup>
	Bancroft Will <sup>m</sup>	D <sup>o</sup>	D <sup>o</sup>
113½	Conn William	Groton	Groton
	Cole Samuel	Falmouth	D <sup>o</sup>
	Colman Thomas	Groton	D <sup>o</sup>
	Crage David	D <sup>o</sup>	D <sup>o</sup>
	Clough Joseph	Petersborough	D <sup>o</sup>
118	Farnworth Edmund	Groton	Groton

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PAGE	Mens Names	The Towns they Belong to	The Town for wh <sup>h</sup> Inlisted or hired
	Farwell David	Groton	Groton
	Frye Cato	Andover	D°
	Farrington Thomas Jun <sup>r</sup>	Groton	D°
120	Gilden Arnold	Casco bay	Groton
	Gould Simeon	Groton	D°
	Gragg John Jun <sup>r</sup>	D°	D°
	Gaffield Jesse	Cambridge	D°
	Gilson Daniel	Groton	D°
	Gilson Daniel Jun <sup>r</sup>	D°	D°
121½	Holden Richard	Groton	Groton
	Hoitt Elisha	D°	D°
122	Jinkins Joel	Groton	Groton
123	Kemp William	Groton	Groton
	Keening Michael	Cambridge	D°
	Kemp Phinehas	Groton	D°
124	Longley Zacheeas	Groton	Groton
	Longley Asa	D°	D°
	Longley Zachias Jun <sup>r</sup>	D°	D°
125	McNeil Henry	Groton	Groton
	Mixor Timothy	Petersborough	D°
	Mitchel Samuel	D°	D°
126	Nutting Joseph	Groton	Groton
128½	Parker Benjamin	Groton	Groton
	Phillips Isaac	D°	D°
	Procter Jonas	D°	D°
	Peirt James	Peppril	D°
	Proctor Charles	Groton	D°
	Peirce Benjamin	D°	D°
129	Russell Solomon	Groton	Groton
	Russell Nath <sup>l</sup>	D°	D°
131	Thompson Samuel	Groton	Groton
	Taylor Samuel	Acton	Groton
	Trowbridge Edmund	Groton	D°
133½	Williams Nath <sup>l</sup>	Groton	Groton
134	Youngman Peter	Westford	Groton

(Massachusetts Archives, Revolutionary Papers, XXVII.)



## Soldiers' Orders for Pay Due 83

The three following orders were found among the Fitch papers given to me by Mrs. Rowe, but, according to the Pay-rolls, the men signing them did not belong to Captain Fitch's company.

MAERYMAC march: 10<sup>d</sup>: 1777

CAP<sup>t</sup> MOORS SUR Pleas to Pay Leiut Walker all mye Pay that is Dew to me as a solder in the Continentel arme and this shall Dis Charge you from me

as witness mie hand

SAMUEL AYER

GROTON Sep<sup>r</sup>: y<sup>e</sup> 9 1777 then R<sup>d</sup> the Contents in full

GIDEON DAVIS

[Addressed] Zaccheus Walker Lieut

MARRYMAC march: 14<sup>d</sup>: 1777

CAPT MOORS Sur Pleas to Pay Leiut Walker all mye Pay that is Dew to me as a Solder in the Continentel armee and this shall discharg you from me

as witness mie Hand

JAMES MACY

GROTON Sep<sup>r</sup>: 1777 R<sup>d</sup> the Contents in full

☞ GIDEON DAVIS

[Addressed] Zaccheus Walker Lieut

To CAP<sup>t</sup> JOSEPH MORES Please to Pay to Zechariah Fitch the full of my wages for Contenal Service and this with his Recept shall Be your Discharge

DANIEL KEZAR

[Indorsed] an order

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*A List of men Raised by the County of Middlesex in the state of Massachusetts-Bay for the Purpose of filling up and Compleating the fifteen Battalions of Continental Troops directed to be raised in that State for the Term of Nine months from the time of their arrival at Fish-Kill, agreeable to a resolve of General Court Pass'd April 20<sup>th</sup> 1778*

N <sup>o</sup>	Names	Towns	Remarks	
64.	Nathl Corey	Groton	June 20 <sup>th</sup>	
65.	John Shipley	. . . . .		
66.	Shattuck Bird	. . . . .		
67.	Eleazer Green	. . . . .		
88.	Jonathan Coburn	Groton		
106.	Joseph Taylor	Groton		
119.	Joseph Page	Groton		
120.	Henry Davis	d <sup>o</sup>		
121.	John Pearce	d <sup>o</sup>		
122.	Fra <sup>s</sup> White	d <sup>o</sup>		
123.	Eben <sup>r</sup> Farnsworth	d <sup>o</sup>		
129.	Isaac Warren	Groton	June 21 <sup>st</sup>	

Rec<sup>d</sup> July 20<sup>th</sup> 1778 of Jonathan Warner Commissioner One Hundred & Thirty one men, Included in the above list for the purpose therein mentioned  
R PUTNAM} Colonel

[Indorsed] County Middlesex

(Massachusetts Archives, Revolutionary Papers, LV. File L, 17)

# Nine-Months Men

85

*A List of the Men Procured . . . for the term of Nine Months from the time of their Arrival at Fish Kill.*

## COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX

Time of Arrival	No	Names and Towns they Belong to	Regt they Belong to	Company they Belong to	Age	Stature	
[1778]		Groton					
June 19	1	Nathan Cory	Reeds	1 Comp <sup>y</sup>	33	5-9	
D <sup>o</sup> 20	2	John Shipley Jr	D <sup>o</sup>	2 D <sup>o</sup>	21	5-8	
D <sup>o</sup>	3	Shatock Blood Jr	D <sup>o</sup>	D <sup>o</sup>	20	5-9	
D <sup>o</sup>	4	Eleazer Green Jr	D <sup>o</sup>	D <sup>o</sup>	23	5 10	
D <sup>o</sup> 21	5	Jonath <sup>n</sup> Coburn	D <sup>o</sup>	D <sup>o</sup>	26	5 7	
D <sup>o</sup> 21	6	Joseph Taylor	D <sup>o</sup>	1 D <sup>o</sup>	36	6	
D <sup>o</sup>	7	Isaac Warren	D <sup>o</sup>	D <sup>o</sup>	24	5 10	
D <sup>o</sup>	8	Henry Davis	D <sup>o</sup>	D <sup>o</sup>	21	5 9	
D <sup>o</sup>	9	Joseph Page	D <sup>o</sup>	D <sup>o</sup>	36	5 7	
D <sup>o</sup>	10	John Peirce	D <sup>o</sup>	D <sup>o</sup>	57	5 10	
D <sup>o</sup>	11	Francis White	D <sup>o</sup>	D <sup>o</sup>	20	5 8	
D <sup>o</sup>	12	Ebenezer Farnsworth Jr	D <sup>o</sup>	D <sup>o</sup>	21	5 5	
July 11		Josiah Stevens			34	5 10	
D <sup>o</sup>		Joseph Frost			21	5 11	
		Stow					
	6	Isaac Dodge	Reeds	1 Comp <sup>y</sup>	35	5 10	This Dodg Belongs to Grotton Arived June 23

(Massachusetts Archives, Revolutionary Papers, XXVIII. 160)

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Captain Moses Barnes lived in Marlborough.

*Pay Rool of Cap<sup>t</sup> Moses Barns<sup>t</sup> Comp<sup>d</sup> in Lieut Col<sup>o</sup> Perce<sup>t</sup> Rig<sup>t</sup> from the Massachusetts Bay Now in the Service of the United States for the term of tow Months from the 1<sup>st</sup> May 1779 to the 1<sup>st</sup> July 1779- Also a Days Pay for every twenty miles travil returning hom.*

Mens Names	Rank	Towns to which thay Belong	No of Miles	time of Inlisting	time of Service
					Month Days
Cotten Proctor	Ser <sup>t</sup>	Grotten	80	May 17	1 - 14
Rogers Lawrence	Priv <sup>t</sup>	Grotten	80	D <sup>o</sup> 17	1 - 14
Calvin Russell	D <sup>o</sup>	D <sup>o</sup>	80	D <sup>o</sup> 17	1 - 14
Ezekiel Portor	D <sup>o</sup>	D <sup>o</sup>	80	D <sup>o</sup> 17	1 - 14

MOSES BARNES Cap<sup>t</sup>

N B The Original Sworn to before M<sup>r</sup> Justice Metcalf

Col<sup>o</sup> Peirces Regiment Cap<sup>t</sup> Moses Barnes Role for State Pay for Service at Rhoad Island, Paid by a Resolve Pased Apriel 30<sup>th</sup> 1779

Examined & found Due £1018 = 1<sup>s</sup> 4<sup>d</sup> JON<sup>t</sup> METCALF P<sup>r</sup> order  
 Copy S MOORE Examin<sup>d</sup> & the above Sum is found due  
 A FULLER P<sup>r</sup> order

In Council Sep<sup>t</sup> 7. 1779 Read & All<sup>d</sup> & ord<sup>d</sup> that a W<sup>r</sup> be drawn on y<sup>e</sup> Treas<sup>r</sup> for £1018 " 1 " 4 in full of this Roll

JN<sup>o</sup> AVERY D Sct

(Massachusetts Archives, Revolutionary Papers, I. 70)

# Additional Levies

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*A List of Men Raised (agreeable to a Resolve of Court of the 9<sup>th</sup> of June 1779) in the County of Middlesex (See Descriptive List)*

Mens Names	Town
Levi Lawrence	Groton
Joseph Moor Jun <sup>r</sup>	"
Jonas Blood	"
John Trobridge	"
William Parker	"
Gabril Lakin	"
Moses Ames	"
Robert Parker	"
Isaac Lawrence Jun <sup>r</sup>	"
Sam <sup>l</sup> Parker	"

p<sup>t</sup> JOSEPH HOSMER  
Superintendant  
for Middlesex  
Nov<sup>r</sup> 24<sup>th</sup> 1779

[Indorsed] Middlesex Nov. 24 1779

(Massachusetts Archives, Revolutionary Papers, XLI. 125)

Captain Thomas Hovey was of Cambridge.

*A Pay Roll of Cap<sup>t</sup>. Tho<sup>s</sup>. Hovey<sup>s</sup> Company Col<sup>l</sup>. Nathan Tylers Reg<sup>t</sup> of New Leavies from the Massachusetts State for their State Pay for Service Done In the State of Rhode Island from the 24 of June to the 1<sup>st</sup> Day of Dec<sup>r</sup>. Agreeable to a Resolve of Court Past the 8<sup>th</sup> of June 1779*

Names	Rank	When Engaged Service	Time in Service		
			Months	Days	
David Blood	Private	July 12	4	19	
Daniel Fletcher	Do	12	4	19	
Jonas Kemp	Do	12	4	19	
Asa Kemp	Do	12	4	19	

## 88 Groton during the Revolution

I Do Swear that the Within pay Roll is true and Just without fraud to the United States or to any Individual According to My best Knowledge

THO<sup>s</sup> HOVEY *Cap<sup>t</sup>*

Sworn before me this 6 Day of Dece<sup>r</sup> 1779

E CORNELL *B G*

Pay Roll of Cap<sup>t</sup> Thomas Hoveys Company for their State pay for Service Done in the State of Rhode Island from June 24<sup>th</sup> to December the first Day. Agreeable to a Resolve of Court Past June 8<sup>th</sup> 1779 Col Tylers Reg<sup>t</sup>

Examined and found Due £6953 14 8 EZRA SARGEANT Per order

Examin<sup>d</sup> & the above Sum of £6953 - 14 - 8 found due

A FULLER *W* order to be made payable to Col<sup>t</sup> Nathan Tyler

In Council Dec<sup>r</sup> 25 1779 Read & allow<sup>d</sup> & ord<sup>d</sup> that a W<sup>t</sup> be drawn on the Treas<sup>r</sup> for £6953 14 8 in full of this Roll

[Indorsed] Cap<sup>t</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Hovey Col<sup>t</sup> Tyler 1779 R<sup>d</sup> Island

(Massachusetts Archives, Revolutionary Papers, II. 133)

*A Pay Roll of Cap<sup>t</sup> Thomas Hoveys Company Col Nathan Tylers Reg<sup>t</sup> of New Leavies from the Massachusetts State for their State Pay for Service Done in the State of Rhode Island the Month of December Agreeable to A Resolve of Court Past the 8<sup>th</sup> of June, 1779.*

Names	Rank	Towns from	Miles Distance	Time in Service alloweing 1 days pay for Every 20 Miles Home	
				Months	Days
David Blood	Private	Groton	100	1	5
Daniel Fletcher		Groton	100	1	5
Jonas Kemp		Groton	100	1	5
Asa Kemp		Do	100	1	5

# Additional Levies

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I Do Swear that the Within Pay Roll is the present true and Just  
without fraud to the United States or any Individual According  
to my Best Knowledge  
THO<sup>s</sup> HOVEY *Cap<sup>t</sup>*

Sworn before me this 6 Day of Dece<sup>r</sup> 1779  
E CORNELL *B Gen<sup>t</sup>*

Examined and found Due £1753-0-8  
EZRA SARGEANT Per order

Examined & the above Sum of £1753-0-8 is found due  
A FULLER *W<sup>r</sup>* order to be made payable to Col<sup>o</sup> Nathan Tyler  
In Council Jan<sup>r</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> 1780 R<sup>d</sup> & All<sup>d</sup> & Ord<sup>d</sup> that a W<sup>r</sup> be drawn  
on the Treasury for £1753 — 8 in full of this Roll  
JN<sup>o</sup> AVERY *D Sec*

[Indorsed] Pay Roll of Cap<sup>t</sup> Hoveys Company for State Pay for Service  
Done at Rhode Island the Month of December 1779 Col Tylers Reg<sup>t</sup>  
(Massachusetts Archives, Revolutionary Papers, II. 132)

*Pay Roll of Cap<sup>t</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Hovey<sup>s</sup> Company in Col<sup>o</sup> Nath[an] Tylers  
Reg<sup>t</sup> of New Levies from the State of Massachusetts Bay for their  
State pay for service done in the Month of December 1779 at the  
State of Rhode Island.*

Names	Rank	Towns from	Miles Distance	When discharged	Time in Service Allowing one days pay for every 20 Miles travel home
David Blood	Private	Groton	100	22	Days 27
Daniel Fletcher	do	Groton	100	25	30
Jonas Kemp	do	Groton	100	22	27
Aas Kemp	do	Groton	100	22	27

THO<sup>s</sup> HOVEY *Cap<sup>t</sup>*

N. B. The Original Sworn to before M<sup>r</sup> Justice Fisher

Examined and found Due £1302. 14. 8.  
EZRA SARGEANT Per order

## 90 Groton during the Revolution

Examined & the above Sum of £1302 - 14 - 8 is found due

A FULLER & order Copy In Council May 10<sup>th</sup> 1780

[Indorsed] Col Tyler Regt A pay Roll of Cap<sup>t</sup> Thomas Hoveys for the month of Dec<sup>r</sup> for State Pay for Service at Rhode Island

(Massachusetts Archives, Revolutionary Papers, II. 129)

*A Descriptive List of the Eighth Division of Six Months Men raised to reinforce the Continental Army March'd from Springfield Under the Command of M<sup>r</sup>: Eb<sup>r</sup>: Kent July 8<sup>th</sup> 1780*

Names	Age	Stature	Complex	Town	arrival at Springfield
Ezekiel Porter	17	5 10	Ruddy	Groton	July 8 <sup>th</sup>
Job Shattuck	21	5 8	Dark	d <sup>o</sup>	d <sup>o</sup>
Simeon Lakin	20	6 1	Light	d <sup>o</sup>	d <sup>o</sup>
Sam <sup>l</sup> Blood	18	5 10	d <sup>o</sup>	d <sup>o</sup>	d <sup>o</sup>
Daniel Fletcher	17	5 2	d <sup>o</sup>	d <sup>o</sup>	d <sup>o</sup>
Nath <sup>l</sup> Blanchard	20	5 6	d <sup>o</sup>	d <sup>o</sup>	d <sup>o</sup>
Benj <sup>t</sup> Tarble	18	5 4	d <sup>o</sup>	d <sup>o</sup>	d <sup>o</sup>
W <sup>m</sup> Farewell	18	6	d <sup>o</sup>	d <sup>o</sup>	d <sup>o</sup>
Charlestown Edes	30	5 8	Negro	d <sup>o</sup>	d <sup>o</sup>

SPRINGFIELD 8<sup>th</sup> July 1780

Received of Justin Ely Esq<sup>r</sup> Commissioner for the State of Massachusetts Bay the One Hundred and Thirty Three Men mentioned in the Within Lists being raised to reinforce the Continental Army for six Months agreeable to a Resolve of the General Court of said State of the fifth of June last past and forwarded Said men together with Descriptive Lists of the same under the Command of M<sup>r</sup>: Ebenezer Kent

J<sup>N</sup> GLOVER. *B. General*

A True Copy

Examined p<sup>r</sup>

JUSTIN ELY *Commissioner*

[Indorsed] List of the Eighth Division of Six months Men who march'd with M<sup>r</sup>: Kent July 8<sup>th</sup> 1780 133 Men

(Massachusetts Archives, Revolutionary Papers, XXXV. 189)



# Additional Levies

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*A Descriptive List of the Eleventh Division of Six Months men march'd from Springfield with Ensign Bancraft July 11<sup>th</sup> 1780*

Mens Names	Age	Stature	Complex	Town	Arrival at Springfield
Levi Lawrance	20	5 10	Ruddy	Groton	July 9 <sup>th</sup>
Moses Ames	20	5 11	d°	d°	d°
Peter Stephens	18	5 6	Dark	d°	d°
Eben <sup>r</sup> Tarbell	18	5 6	Ruddy	d°	d°
John Trowbridge	18	5 7	d°	d°	d°
Salmon Whitney	20	5 7	Light	d°	d°
Ephraim Stone	17	5 6	d°	d°	d°
Thaddeus Bancroft	26	5 11	Ruddy	d°	d°
Eben <sup>r</sup> Farnsworth	22	5 6	d°	d°	d°
Simeon Kemp	19	5 9	d°	Groton	July 9 <sup>th</sup>
Richard Holden	19	5 7	d°	d°	d°

SPRINGFIELD 11<sup>th</sup> July 1780

Received of Justin Ely Esq<sup>r</sup> Comissioner for the State of Massachusetts Bay the One Hundred & Seventy Seven Men born on the within Lists (together with with [*sic*] Descriptive Lists of the Same) being raised to reinforce the Continental Army for Six Months agreeable to a Resolve of the General Court of Said State of the fifth of June last past and forwarded said Men to the Army under the Care of Ensign Bancroft

JN° GLOVER. *B. General*

A True Copy

Examined p<sup>r</sup> JUSTIN ELY *Commissioner*

[Indorsed] Descriptive List of the 11 Division of 6 Months Men March'd under the Care of Ens<sup>n</sup>. Bancraft July y<sup>e</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> 1780 177 Men

(Massachusetts Archives, Revolutionary Papers, XXXV. 192)

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*A Descriptive List of the Eighteenth Division of Six Months men march'd from Springfield under the Care of Lieut Zebulon King July y<sup>e</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> 1780*

Names	Age	Stature	Complex	Town	Arival at Springfield
Samuel Parker	16	5 4	Light	Groton	July 16 <sup>th</sup> 1780
Rogers Lawrance	16	5 5	Light	Groton	July 16 <sup>th</sup> 1780
Benjamin Moors	17	5 6	D <sup>o</sup>	d <sup>o</sup>	d <sup>o</sup>

SPRINGFIELD 16<sup>th</sup> July 1780

Received of Justin Ely Esq<sup>r</sup> Commissioner for the State of Massachusetts Bay the Sixty Two Men born on the within List (Together with Descriptive Lists of the Same) being raised to reinforce the Continental Army for for [*sic*] Six Months agreeable to a Resolve of the General Court of Said State of the fifth of June last past and forwarded Said Men to the Army under the Care of Lieu<sup>t</sup> Zebulon King

J<sup>N</sup><sup>o</sup> GLOVER. *B. General*

A True Copy

Examined <sup>W</sup>. JUSTIN ELY *Commissioner*

[Indorsed] 18<sup>th</sup> Division of Six Months Men March'd July y<sup>e</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> 1780  
L<sup>t</sup> King 62 Men

(Massachusetts Archives, Revolutionary Papers, XXXV. 200)

*A Descriptive List of the Twenty Second Division of Six Months Men march' from Springfield under the Care of Cap<sup>t</sup>. Benj<sup>r</sup>. Warren July 20<sup>th</sup> 1780*

Names	Age	Stature	Complex	Town	Arival at Springfield
John Gregg	25	5 7	Light	Groton	July 20 <sup>th</sup>

SPRINGFIELD 20<sup>th</sup> July 1780

Received of Justin Ely Esq<sup>r</sup> Commissioner for the State of Massachusetts Bay The Fifty seven Men born on the Within List (together with a Descriptive List of the Same) being raised to reinforce the Continental Army for Six Months Agreeable to a Resolve of the General Court of Said State of the fifth of June last past and forwarded Said Men to the Army Under the Care of Cap<sup>t</sup> Benj<sup>t</sup> Warren

JN<sup>o</sup> GLOVER. *B. General*

A True Coppy

Examined & JUSTIN ELY *Commissioner*

[Indorsed] 22<sup>nd</sup> Division of Six Months Men march'd July y<sup>e</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> 1780  
Cap Benj<sup>t</sup> Warren 58 Men.

(Massachusetts Archives, Revolutionary Papers, XXXV. 204)

*A List of the Six Months Men Received of Major Joseph Hosmer  
Superintendant of y<sup>e</sup> County of Middlesex agreeable to a Resolve of  
y<sup>e</sup> General Court Passed June y<sup>e</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> 1780.*

Names	Towns	Names	Towns
Ezekiel Porter	Groton	Eben <sup>r</sup> Tarbell	Groton
Job Shattuck	d <sup>o</sup>	John Trowbridge	d <sup>o</sup>
Simeon Lakin	d <sup>o</sup>	Salmon Whitney	d <sup>o</sup>
Sam <sup>n</sup> Blood	d <sup>o</sup>	Ephraim Stone	d <sup>o</sup>
Daniel Fletcher	d <sup>o</sup>	Thaddeus Bancroft	d <sup>o</sup>
Nath <sup>n</sup> Blanchard	d <sup>o</sup>	Eben <sup>r</sup> Farnsworth	d <sup>o</sup>
Benj <sup>t</sup> Tarble	d <sup>o</sup>	Simeon Kemp	d <sup>o</sup>
W <sup>m</sup> Farewell	d <sup>o</sup>	Richard Holden	d <sup>o</sup>
Charlestown Edes	d <sup>o</sup>	Sam <sup>n</sup> Parker	Groton
Levi Lawrance	Groton	Rogers Lawrance	d <sup>o</sup>
Moses Eames	d <sup>o</sup>	Benj <sup>t</sup> Moores	d <sup>o</sup>
Peter Stevens	d <sup>o</sup>	John Gregg	d <sup>o</sup>

SPRINGFIELD 6 August 1780

Received of Maj<sup>r</sup> Joseph Hosmer Superintendant for the County of Middlesex the Men mentioned in this List being raised to serve Six Months in the Continental Army agreeable to a Resolve of the General Court of the 5<sup>th</sup> of June last past

by JUSTIN ELY *Commissioner*

[Indorsed] Justin Ely's Rec<sup>d</sup> of 6 Months Men to Maj<sup>r</sup> Hosmer.

(Massachusetts Archives, Revolutionary Papers, LIV. File F, 30)

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MIDDLESEX SS

*A Pay roll for the Six months men, who were in actual Service in the Continental army for 1780; in behalf of the town of Groton, made up by us the Subscribers agreeable to the resolves of the General Court of the 3<sup>d</sup>. October 1781*

Names	Time when Marched	Time when Discharged	Miles	M <sup>o</sup> days
Levi Lawrance	July 4 <sup>th</sup> 1780	Decemb <sup>r</sup> 18 <sup>th</sup>	220	5 26
Richard Holden	D <sup>o</sup>	Decem <sup>r</sup> 12 <sup>th</sup>	220	5 20
Job Shattuck jun <sup>r</sup>	June 26 <sup>th</sup>	Jan <sup>y</sup> 1 <sup>st</sup> 1781	220	6 18
Moses Ames	July 4 <sup>th</sup>	Dec <sup>r</sup> 26 <sup>th</sup>	220	6 3
Peter Stevens jun <sup>r</sup>	D <sup>o</sup>	Jan <sup>y</sup> 9 <sup>th</sup> 1781	220	6 16
John Trobridge jun <sup>r</sup>	D <sup>o</sup>	D <sup>o</sup>	D <sup>o</sup>	6 16
Ephraim Stone	D <sup>o</sup>	D <sup>o</sup>	D <sup>o</sup>	6 16
Eben <sup>r</sup> Tarbell	D <sup>o</sup>	D <sup>o</sup>	D <sup>o</sup>	6 16
Eben <sup>r</sup> Farnsworth jun <sup>r</sup>	D <sup>o</sup>	Decem <sup>r</sup> 4 <sup>th</sup>	D <sup>o</sup>	5 11
Thaddeus Bancroft	July 8 <sup>th</sup>	Nov. 19 <sup>th</sup>	D <sup>o</sup>	4 23
Salmon Whitney	July 4 <sup>th</sup>	Jan <sup>y</sup> 9 <sup>th</sup>	D <sup>o</sup>	6 16
Benj <sup>r</sup> Moors	July 8 <sup>th</sup>	Dec <sup>r</sup> 5 <sup>th</sup>	D <sup>o</sup>	5 9
John Gragg jun <sup>r</sup>	July 8 <sup>th</sup>		D <sup>o</sup>	
Rogers Lawrance	July 8 <sup>th</sup>	Dec <sup>r</sup> 13 <sup>th</sup>	220	5 16
Nath <sup>l</sup> Blanchard	July 4 <sup>th</sup>	J[an <sup>y</sup> 9]	220	6 16
Ezekiel Porter	July 4 <sup>th</sup>	Jan <sup>y</sup> 9 <sup>th</sup>	220	6 16
Will <sup>m</sup> Farwell jun <sup>r</sup>	D <sup>o</sup>	D <sup>o</sup>	D <sup>o</sup>	6 16
Benj <sup>r</sup> Tarbell jun <sup>r</sup>	D <sup>o</sup>		D <sup>o</sup>	4 26
Samuel Parker	July 8 <sup>th</sup>	Jan <sup>y</sup> 9 <sup>th</sup>	D <sup>o</sup>	6 12
Daniel Fletcher	July 4 <sup>th</sup>	D <sup>o</sup>	D <sup>o</sup>	6 16
Samuel Blood	July 4 <sup>th</sup>	D <sup>o</sup>	D <sup>o</sup>	6 16
Charlestown Edes	do	Dec <sup>r</sup> 3 <sup>d</sup>	D <sup>o</sup>	5 11
Simeon Lakin	D <sup>o</sup>	Nov <sup>r</sup> 19 <sup>th</sup>	D <sup>o</sup>	4 26

All the above [*Two lines  
missing here* ]

OLIVER PRESCOTT	} <i>Selectmen of Groton</i>
JOB SHATTUCK	
SOLOMON WOODS	

# Additional Levies

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Middlesex ss 28<sup>th</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup> 1782

Job Shattuck & Solomon Woods made solemn Oath that in making up the above roll they acted faithfully & impartially & that the same is just & true according to the best of their Judgements

Before me OLIVER PRESCOTT *Just peace* A true copy

A Pay Roll for the Six Month men for the Town of Groton 1780  
Examined and found Due in Specie £264 - 1 - 4 EZRA SARGEANT  
Per order Examined & the above Sum is found due A FULLER  
Per order Copy

In Council Feb<sup>y</sup> 18 1782 Read & Advised that [a warrant be] drawn on the Treasury for £264 " 1 " 4 in full of this Roll.

(Massachusetts Archives, Revolutionary Papers, IV. 81)

*A List of the Six Months Men raised to reinforce the Continental Army agreeable to two Resolves of the General Court passed in June 1780 posted up to their respective Towns from the Receipts of the Continental Officers*

by JUSTIN ELY Commissioner

Groton	Division in which musterd		
Ezekiel Porter	8	Eben <sup>t</sup> Tarbell	11
Job Shattuck	8	John Trowbridge	11
Simeon Lakin	8	Salmon Whitney	11
Sam <sup>l</sup> Blood	8	Ephraim Stone	11
Dan <sup>l</sup> Fletcher	8	Thaddeus Bancroft	11
Nath <sup>l</sup> Blanchard	8	Eben <sup>t</sup> Farnsworth	11
Benj <sup>s</sup> Tarble	8	Simeon Kemp	11
W <sup>m</sup> Farewell	8	Richard Holden	11
Charlestown Edes	8	Sam <sup>l</sup> Parker	18
Levi Lawrence	11	Rogers Lawrence	18
Moses Ames	11	Benj <sup>a</sup> Moorse	18
Peter Stephens	11	John Gregg	22

(Massachusetts Archives, Revolutionary Papers, XXVII. 12)

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*An account of the Men Murstred in the County of Middlesex Since the Last Return*

### GROTON

March 28 1781	Eleazer Green
28	Joseph Lakin
28	Oliver Lakin
28	Oliver Lakin Jur
March 20	William Tarble

(Massachusetts Archives, Revolutionary Papers, LIV. File F, 28)

### *Commonwealth of Massachusetts*

*to the Selectmen of the Town of Groton DR.*

For the Bounty or hire of Twenty one men to serve in the Continental Army for three years, or during the war agreeable to the Resolves of the General Court of December & February last, viz:

William Tarbell	£90 " 0 " 0
Oliver Lakin Jun <sup>r</sup>	95 " 12 " 0
Ezekiel Porter	93 " 10 " 0
John Stevens	93 " 10 " [ ]
Moses Chase	94 " [ ]
Charlestown Edes	90 " 0 [ ]
John Pierce	78 " 12 [ ]
Harbour Farnsworth	98 " 8 " 0
Joshua Parker	91 " 4 " 0
Elijah Nutting	90 " 0 " 0
David Farwell	90 - 0 - 0
Asa White	90 - 0 " 0
Amos Dole	98 " 2 " 0
Eleazer Green Jun <sup>r</sup>	98 " 16 " 5
Joseph Bancroft	93 " 10 " 0
John Goddard	90 - 0 - 0
Edmund Holden	90 - 0 - 0
Amos Shed	87 " 0 " 0
Benj <sup>r</sup> Tarbell Jun <sup>r</sup>	90 " 6 " 0
Calvin Russell	93 " 0 " 0
Joseph Lakin	93 " 0 " 0

Hard money	£1928 : 10 : 5
	Specie

# Additional Levies

97

N. B. Two of the above named men, vizt. Calvin Russell & Joseph Lakin were hired & Mustered in Season

Tis expected the said Russell will join the Army immediately.  
The said Lakin is absconded.

GROTON 6 Nov<sup>r</sup> 1781.

OLIVER PRESCOTT	} <i>Selectmen</i> <i>of</i> <i>Groton</i>
ISAAC FARNSWORTH	
SOLOMON WOODS	

Middlesex ss Nov<sup>r</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> 1781.

D<sup>s</sup> Isaac Farnsworth & Cap<sup>t</sup> Solomon Woods two of the Selectmen abovenamed personally appeared & made oath that the aforegoing return by them subscribed was true according to the best of their knowledge

Before me

OLIVER PRESCOTT *J peace*

Groton Return of 3 Years Men by Resolve of the 2 Dec. 1780

7 Men @ 90 <sup>s</sup>	£630 : 0 :
3 d <sup>o</sup> 93 : 10/	280 : 10/
2 d <sup>o</sup> 93	186 : 0
1 d <sup>o</sup>	95 : 12/
1 d <sup>o</sup>	94 :
1 d <sup>o</sup>	78 : 12/
1 d <sup>o</sup>	98 : 8/
1 d <sup>o</sup>	91 : 4/
1 d <sup>o</sup>	98 : 2/
1 d <sup>o</sup>	98 : 16/5
1 d <sup>o</sup>	87 :
1 d <sup>o</sup>	90 : 6/
<u>21 Men</u>	<u>£1928 : 10 : 5</u>
1781	Specie

[Indorsed] Return of three years men

(Massachusetts Archives, Revolutionary Papers, XXXII. 578)

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*The Following is a List of men Procured in Consequence of a Resolve of Court of the 2<sup>d</sup> of December 1780 in the County of Middlesex for a Term Less then three years viz*

Date of Inlistment	Names	the Town for which Engaged	for what time Engag <sup>d</sup>
[1781] Nov <sup>r</sup> 20	Amos Woods	Groton	one year

Feb<sup>r</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> 1782 p<sup>r</sup> JOSEPH HOSMER } *Super<sup>r</sup> for Middlesex*

[Indorsed] Joseph Hosmer Es<sup>r</sup> Superintendant for Middlesex return of Men for three Years by a Resolve of Court passed Dec<sup>r</sup> 2<sup>d</sup> 1780 37 Men

(Massachusetts Archives, Revolutionary Papers, XXXII. 595)



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*Hosmer's Book, No. 1.*

Date of Inlistment	Names	Age	Stature	Complexion	Hair	Eyes	Trade	Town for Which Engaged	for What Time Engaged
[1781] Mar. 20	Asa White	21	5 10	Light	Light	Light	Farmer	Groton	three years
D° 28	Moses Chase	21	5 8	Dark	Dark	Dark	D°	D°	D°
D° 23	John Goddard	16	5 9	Light	Light	Light	D°	D°	D°
D° 24	Benj <sup>r</sup> Tarble jr	19	5 5	D°	D°	D°	D°	D°	D°
D° 21	Amos Shed	17	5 6	Dark	Dark	D°	D°	D°	D°
D° 20	Edmond Holden	16	5 2	Light	Light	Dark	D°	D°	D°
D° 1	John Stephens	22	5 6	D°	Dark	D°	D°	D°	D°
D° 20	John Peirce	50	5 10	Dark	D°	Light	D°	D°	D°
D° 21	Ezekel Porter	18	5 11	D°	D°	D°	D°	D°	D°
D° 19	Hoorbor Farnsworth	24	5 6	D°	D°	Dark	D°	D°	D°
D° 20	W <sup>m</sup> Tarble	17	5 4	Light	Light	Light	D°	D°	D°
May 1	Calven Russel	20	5 9½	Dark	Dark	Dark	Cordwaner	Groton	three years
D° 22	David Farwell	16	5 3	Light	Light	Light	Farmer	D°	D°
Jan' 31	Joshua Parker	17	5 2	D°	D°	D°	D°	D°	D°
Mar 26	Charlstown Edes	32	5 8	Black	Black	Black	D°	D°	D°
Mar 9	Joseph Bancroft	21	5 9	Light	Light	Dark	D°	D°	D°
D° 1	Amos Dole	21	5 7	D°	D°	D°	D°	D°	D°
Apr 26	John Nutting	42	5 10	D°	D°	D°	D°	D°	D°
Mar 22	Elijah Nutting	17	5 8	D°	D°	D°	D°	D°	D°
Apr 1	Eleazer Green	27	5 9	Dark	Dark	D°	D°	D°	D°
Nov' 20	Amos Woods	32	5 7½	Light	Sandy	blu	D°	D°	1 year 21

(Massachusetts Archives, Revolutionary Papers, LIV. File F, 29)

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### *Classes of Soldiers*

The following Resolve, passed by the General Court on December 2, 1780, explains the division of the inhabitants into various "Classes," as mentioned below. Under the call ordered at this time the town of Groton was directed to raise twenty-one men for the Continental Army toward the 4240 which were needed to complete the quota of the Commonwealth. On February 26, 1781, a supplementary Resolve was passed; and still later, on March 7, 1782, another Resolve, under which latter call the town was ordered to raise eight men for the Army, toward the 1500 which were then needed.

And it is further *Resolved*, That the several towns and plantations within this Commonwealth be, and hereby are authorized to agree (if they think fit) upon classing the inhabitants thereof at a legal town-meeting called for that purpose, in order to procure their proportion of soldiers to serve in the Continental army, for three years or during the war: And in all towns and plantations where the mode of classing shall be adopted, the selectmen of such towns, and the assessors of such plantations, or such committee as the town or plantation shall appoint for that purpose, shall divide all the inhabitants thereof, with others who were assessed in the hard-money-tax, into as many classes as according to the annexed schedule, there are men required of such town or plantation, in proportion to their several taxes, intermixing poor with the rich, so as to make the several classes as nearly equal in property and in number of polls as may be with convenience; and each of said classes shall, on or before the twentieth day of *January* next, procure a good able-bodied effective soldier to serve in the Continental army three years or during the war, unless such town or plantation shall in some other way procure the whole number of soldiers to be by them raised: And that in case any one or more of said classes shall neglect or refuse to procure the soldiers assigned them, within the limited time aforesaid, such town or plantation is hereby empowered and directed

to procure such soldier for each class so neglecting of such town or plantation, and the assessors shall assess said classes, or the several neglecting individuals thereof, in the same proportion they were severally assessed in the hard-money-tax, the full value of the sum which shall be expended in procuring said soldier, with an additional sum not exceeding double the sum advanced to procure the said soldier, as the said town shall determine; and the several collectors of such towns or plantations are hereby authorized and required to collect said assessments in the same manner as they are directed by law to collect town taxes, and pay in the same according to the direction contained in the warrant which they may receive from the selectmen or assessors of such towns or plantations for the purpose of collecting said assessments; and the said selectmen or assessors are hereby authorized to grant such warrants, agreeable to the form by law prescribed for collecting town taxes, *mutatis mutandis*. (Pages 42, 43.)

The following receipts given by soldiers are found in Volume XXXII. of the Archives, Revolutionary Papers; and the number of the paper in the volume is indicated in heavy-faced type after each receipt.

I do hereby Acknowledge that I have Rec<sup>d</sup> of the Town of Groton by Class N<sup>o</sup> 4 in Money and Securities Two Hundred & Ninety Spanish Mill'd Doll<sup>s</sup> for my hire as a Soldier in the Continental Service for the Term of three Years Witness my hand this Sixth Day of April 1781

AMOS SHED

557.

GROTON April 6<sup>th</sup> 1781 I do hereby acknowledge that I have Rec<sup>d</sup> of Class N<sup>o</sup> 8 in Groton afores<sup>d</sup> three hundred Spanish mill<sup>d</sup> Dollars in money paid and Security Given in full for my Engaging to Serve in the Continental Service for the term of three years from the time of my Inlistment witness my hand

JOHN GODDARD

558.

I do hereby acknowledge that I have Rec<sup>d</sup> of Class N<sup>o</sup> 2 in Groton, Ninety three pounds ten Shillings in money paid and Security Given by Said Class, in Silver at Six Shillings and Eight pence per ounce,

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in full for my hire as a Soldier in the Continental Service for the term of three years from the time of my Inlistment witness my hand

JOSEPH BANCROFT

559. April 6<sup>th</sup> 1781

Rec<sup>d</sup> of the Town of Groton by Class N<sup>o</sup> 14 Ninety four Pounds in Silver Money, in Money and Securities for my hire as a Soldier in the Continental Service for the Term of three Years Witness my hand this 23<sup>d</sup> Day of April 1781 at Groton

MOSES CHASE

560.

GROTON March 19<sup>th</sup> 1781

Rec<sup>d</sup> of Cap<sup>t</sup> John Sawtell & others Belonging to s<sup>d</sup> Sawtells Class (N<sup>o</sup> 17) three Hundred & Twenty Eight Silver Dollars, in full Consideration for my Bounty from s<sup>d</sup> Class as a Soldier in the Continental Army for the Term of three years, Unless Sooner Regularly Discharg<sup>d</sup> I say Rec<sup>d</sup> by me

HARBOUR FARNSWORTH

561.

GROTON April 16<sup>th</sup> 1781 I do hereby Acknowledge that I have Rec<sup>d</sup> of the Town of Groton Afores<sup>d</sup> Two Hundred and Sixty two Spanish Mill'd Dollars by Class N<sup>o</sup> 18 in Money and Securities for my hire as a Soldier in the Continental Service for the Term of three Years

Test. WILLIAM SWAN

ISAAC FARNSWORTH

JOHN <sup>his</sup> + PEIRCE  
mark

562.

GROTON April 6<sup>th</sup> 1781 I do hereby acknowledge that I have Rec<sup>d</sup> of Class N<sup>o</sup> 15, in Groton afores<sup>d</sup>, Three Hundred Spanish mill<sup>d</sup> Dollars in money paid and Security given in full for my Engaging to Serve in the Continental Service for the term of three years from the time of my Inlistment witness my hand

563.

ELIJAH NUTTING

I do hereby Acknowledge that I have Rec<sup>d</sup> of Class N<sup>o</sup> 7. in Groton Ninety Eight Pounds Sixteen Shilli<sup>s</sup> and five pence in Money paid and Security given by L<sup>i</sup> Solomon Woods in Silver at the Rate of Six Shillings & Eight pence  $\text{7}$  Ounce in full for my hire as a Soldier in the Continental Service for the Term of three Years Witness my hand this Sixth Day of April 1781

ELEAZER GREEN JR

564.

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103

This Certifies that I have Rec<sup>d</sup> of Isaac Farnsworth and others belonging to Class No: 19 in the Town of Groton, in Silver, paper Currency and Securities, the amount of Ninety three pounds ten Shillings in Silver at Six Shillings and Eight pence per ounce, as a hire from said Class, for my inlisting into the Continental Service for the term of three years in behalf of said Town

565. GROTON April 5<sup>th</sup> 1781

W<sup>m</sup> JOHN STEVENS

GROTON April 6<sup>th</sup> 1781 I do hereby Acknowledge that I have Rec<sup>d</sup> of said Town by Class N<sup>o</sup> 9 in Money paid and Securities Given Three hundred Spanish Mill'd Dollars in full for my Engage-  
ing to serve in the Continental Service for the Term of three years

Witness my hand

EDMUND HOLDEN

566.

I do hereby Acknowledge that I have Rec<sup>d</sup> of the Town of Groton by Class N<sup>o</sup> 13 in Money and Securities Three Hundred Spanish Mill'd Dollars for my hire as a Soldier in the Continental Service for the Term of three Years Witness my hand this Six Day of April 1781

ASA WHITE

567. [Indorsed] Asa White Groton

GROTON April 23<sup>d</sup> 1781 This Certifies that I have agreed with Class N<sup>o</sup> 6 in Said Town for the Sum of three hundred Spanish mill<sup>d</sup> Dollars as a hire for my inlisting as a Soldier into the Continental Service for the term of three years in behalf of said Town

Test

JOSIAH HOBART

CHARLESTON <sup>his</sup> X EDES  
mark

568.

GROTON April 23<sup>d</sup> 1781 Rec<sup>d</sup> of the Town of Groton by Class N<sup>o</sup> 12 Three Hundred Spanish Mill'd Doll<sup>r</sup> in Money and Securities for my hire as a Soldier in the Continental Service for the Term of three years

WILLIAM TARBELL

569.

I do hereby acknowledge that I have Rec<sup>d</sup> of Class N<sup>o</sup> 3 in Groton, Ninety three pounds ten Shillings in money paid and Security Given by Said Class, in Silver at Six Shillings and Eight pence

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per ounce in full for my hire as a Soldier in the Continental Service  
for the term of three yeas from the time of my Inlistment witness  
my hand EZEKIEL PORTER

April 6<sup>th</sup> 1781

570.

GROTON April 6<sup>th</sup> 1781 I do hereby acknowledge that I have  
Rec<sup>d</sup> of Class N<sup>o</sup> 16 in Groton afores<sup>d</sup> Three hundred and one  
Spanish mill<sup>d</sup> Dollars in money paid and Security Given in full for  
my Engaging to Serve in the Continental Service for the term  
of three years from the time of my Inlistment witness my  
hand BENJ<sup>A</sup> TARBELL JUN<sup>R</sup>

571.

I do hereby Acknowledge that I have Rec<sup>d</sup> of the Town of Groton  
by Class N<sup>o</sup> 5 in Money and Securities Three hundred Spanish Mill'd  
Dollars for my hire as a Soldier in the Continental Service for the  
Term of three Years Witness my hand this Six Day of April  
1781 DAVID FARWELL

572.

I Do hereby acknowledge that I have Rec<sup>d</sup> of Class N<sup>o</sup> 10, in  
Groton Ninety Eight pounds two Shillings in money paid and Secur-  
ity Given by said Class in Silver at Six Shillings and Eight pence  
per ounce in full for my hire as a Soldier in the Continental Service  
for the term of three years from the time of my Inlistment  
witness my hand AMOS DOLE

April 6<sup>th</sup> 1781

573.

I do hereby acknowledge that I have Rec<sup>d</sup> of Class N<sup>o</sup> 11 in the  
Town of Groton, Ninety five pounds Twelve Shillings in money paid  
and Security Given by said Class, in Silver at Six Shillings and Eight  
pence per ounce, in full for my hire as a Soldier in the Continental  
Service for the term of three years from the time of my Inlist-  
ment witness my hand OLIVER LAKIN J<sup>R</sup>

April 6<sup>th</sup> 1781

574.

I the Subscriber do hereby Acknowledge that I have this Day Rec<sup>d</sup> of James Prescott William Swan and Zacheriah Fitch a Comm<sup>tee</sup> of the Town of Groton Three Hundred & four Spanish Mill'd Dollars in Money paid and Security given for my hire as a Soldier in the Continental Army for the Term of three years as Witness my hand this 31<sup>st</sup> Day of January 1781

ABIJAH PRESCOTT

JOSHUA PARKER

JON<sup>A</sup> KEEP

579. [Indorsed] Groton

The next seven receipts are on printed blanks which are filled in, according to the facts in each case, the date, name, number, place, amount, term, and signature being written.

*Boston, April 30 1782.*

**R**ECEIVED of M<sup>r</sup> Joseph Allen Chairman of Class N<sup>o</sup> 3 for the Town of Groton the Sum of Ninety Pounds L. Money, as a Bounty to serve in the Continental Army for the Term of three years

*Witness my Hand,* JOHN FROST

636. [Indorsed] Groton N<sup>o</sup> 3 £90—0 4 men @ 90 £ £ 360: 0 1782

*Boston, April 11<sup>th</sup> 1782.*

**R**ECEIVED of M<sup>r</sup> Ezekiel Fletcher Chairman of Class N<sup>o</sup> 5 for the Town of Groton the Sum of Ninety Pounds L. Money, as a Bounty to serve in the Continental Army for the Term of three years

*Witness my Hand,* ELEAZEAR AMES

637. [Indorsed] Groton N<sup>o</sup> 5

*BOSTON, June 6 1782.*

**R**ECEIVED of M<sup>r</sup> Thomas Bond Chairman of Class No. 2 for the Town of Groton the Sum of Ninety pounds L. Money, as a Bounty to serve in the Continental Army for the Term of three years

*Witness my Hand,* OLIVER HARTWELL

638. [Indorsed] Groton N<sup>o</sup> 2

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*Boston, April 11<sup>th</sup> 1782.*

**R**ECEIVED of Israel Hobart Esq<sup>r</sup> Chairman of Class N<sup>o</sup> 7 for the Town of Groton the Sum of Ninty Pounds L. Money, as a Bounty to serve in the Continental Army for the Term of three years

*Witness my Hand,* SAMSON PRESCOTT

639. [Indorsed] Groton N<sup>o</sup> 7

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BOSTON, 21<sup>st</sup> August 1782

**M**USTERED and received of M<sup>r</sup> Zachariah Fitch, Chairman of Class No. 8 for the Town of Groton a certain Chandler Russell a Recruit, inlisted for the Term of three Years

JOHN POPKIN, Muster-Master.

April 20, 1783

(Massachusetts Archives, Revolutionary Papers, XXXII. 644)

BOSTON, 13 August 1782.

**M**USTERED and received of M<sup>r</sup> Solomon Woods Chairman of Class No. one for the Town of Groton a certain Samuel Wyman a Recruit, inlisted for the term of three Years.

JOHN POPKIN, Muster-Master.

(Massachusetts Archives, Revolutionary Papers, XXXIII. 485)

BOSTON 22<sup>d</sup> October 1782.

**M**USTERED and received of M<sup>r</sup> Joseph Moors Chairman of Class No. four for the Town of Groton a certain Joseph Stevens a Recruit, inlisted for the Term of three Years

JOHN POPKIN, Muster-Master.

Rec<sup>d</sup> Feb 13 1783.

[Indorsed] Groton

(Massachusetts Archives, Revolutionary Papers, XXXII. 635)



## Classes of Soldiers

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GROTON September 9<sup>th</sup> 1782

We hereby Certify that Simeon Kemp was a Soldier in actual Service for the Town of Groton in the Six months Service in the Continental army for 1780— That He did march June 26<sup>th</sup> and was discharged December 14<sup>th</sup> 1780 and that the number of Miles from the place of his discharge was 220 that he was in Service Six months Eleven days & therefore the whole amount of his pay was twelve pounds fourteen Shillings & Eight pence and that He the Said Simeon Kemp was omitted when the Selectmen made up the Muster roll agreeable to the resolves of the General Court by reason of his certificate of the time of His discharge being mislaid & therefore forgot

Signed

for Six Month Service £12 . 0.

OLIVER PRESCOTT	} <i>Selectmen for Groton</i>
ABEL BANCROFT	
ZACHARIAH FITCH	

Middlesex ss Jan<sup>y</sup> 27<sup>th</sup> 1783 the above named Abel Bancroft & Zachariah Fitch made Solom oath that the foregoing certificate was true in all its parts according to their best knowledge

Before me OLIVER PRESCOTT *Justice of Peace*

A true copy

Pay Roll for one man that served in the Continental army from the Town of Groton for Six Month in the year 1780 and was omitted in the other Roll Examined and found Due in Specie £12—0—0

EZRA SARGEANT

In Council 20<sup>th</sup> March 1783 Read & Advised that a Warrant be drawn on the Treasury in full of this Roll Attest

(Massachusetts Archives, Revolutionary Papers, IV. 70)

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The following is a copy of a paper which was sold with other manuscripts by Messrs. C. F. Libbie & Co., in Boston, on December 15, 1897, though I do not know to whom. It undoubtedly has a connection with Edmund Holden's receipt printed on page 103.

This is Each mans Proportion towards hireng Edmund Holden as a Soldier in Class y<sup>e</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> in Groton

	£	S	D	Q	
Zechariah Fitch.	3	7	6	0	
Samuel Hemanway.	2	1	9	2	
Caleb Blood.	2	7	3	2	
Thomas Bond.	3	6	10	0	
Samuel Lawrance.	1	10	5	2	
Abel Farwell. X	1	11	4	0	Credet £0-2-0 1785
Amos Adams. X	0	19	6	0	
Ephraim Kemp.	0	18	0	0	
Samuel Kemp Jr. X	0	18	0	0	
Simeon Nuting. X	0	2	9	0	
Robertson Lakin. X	0	1	9	0	
John Simonds. X	0	15	4	2	
Benjamin Whitney. X	0	1	9	0	
Wd Rachel Spalding.	0	2	10	0	
	18	5	9	0	

[Endorsed] Class Rate.

## Extracts from the Town Records 109



### *Extracts from the Town Records*

The following extracts, relating to the action of the town on several occasions during the early part of the Revolution, are taken from the town records. As the volume for that period is not numbered, I can indicate only the pages where the extracts are found.

September 12, 1774.

Voted To Raise the Sum of Forty pounds to buy Arms and Ammunition, in addition to the Town Stock, which Sum is to be laid out at the Descretion of Mess<sup>rs</sup> Moses Child Jonathan Clark Lewis and Isaac Woods, who are a Committee for that purpose.

(Page 276.)

January the 3<sup>d</sup> 1775

The Town met according to adjournment and the proceedings of the late Continental Congress being Read and particularly their Association

Voted Unanimously, That they would abide by their Association  
Then a Draught of a Covenant was Read, which was Unanimously Voted to be accepted.

The proceedings of the late provincial Congress being read the Town unanimously Voted to Comply with the same.

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Then a Draft of a Vote was presented and read in the following words, which was Accepted & ordered to be recorded.

Whereas it is Expressly recommended by the Continental Congress, to the Provincial Conventions and to the Com<sup>tees</sup> in the respective Colonies to Establish such further regulations as they may think proper for carrying into Execution their Association

And Whereas the provincial Congress did on the 5<sup>th</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> last, Resolve and recommend as their opinion, for the Effectual Carrying into Execution, the American Congress Association that from and after the 10<sup>th</sup> Oct<sup>r</sup> next, there shall not be sold or purchased any good[s], Wares or Merchandize directly or indirectly purchased from G. Brittain or Ireland, — molasses, Syrups, panela, Coffee or piemento, from the Brittish plantations, or from Dominico, Wines from Madeira, or the Western Islands, and foreign Indigo, either before or after the first of Dec<sup>r</sup> instant, unless the Acts and parts of Acts of Parliament Enumerated in a paragraph of the American Congress Association subsequent to the 14<sup>th</sup> Article shall then be repealed ;

That the several Towns and Destricts do forthwith assemble and Choose Com<sup>tees</sup> of Inspection for the purpose afores<sup>d</sup> and that the Towns do Vigerously Assist and Support their Com<sup>tees</sup> in Discharging the Duties of their office &c

Therefore Voted and Chose D<sup>r</sup> Prescott Capt. Josiah Sartoll D<sup>n</sup> Isaac Farnsworth M<sup>r</sup> Moses Child D<sup>n</sup> James Stone Col<sup>o</sup> James Prescott L<sup>t</sup> Elisha Rockwood L<sup>t</sup> Isaac Woods Joseph Allen Jonas Stone John Tarbell Cap<sup>t</sup> Jn<sup>o</sup> Sawtell Jon<sup>s</sup> Lawrence Cap<sup>t</sup> Amos Lawrence and Cap<sup>t</sup> Henry Farwell, a Com<sup>tee</sup> of Inspection, whose business it shall be to see that the American Congress Association, & the Provincial Congress resolves and recommendations relative thereto be well and faithfully observed and Complied with, and that this Town will not fail of lending all necessary assistance to s<sup>d</sup> Com<sup>tee</sup> in the doing their Duty.

Then the meeting was Dismissed.

Recorded by

OLIVER PRESCOTT *Town Clerk.*

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### *Non Associator's Advertisement.*

In Consequence of the Town's Votes as recorded in the Preceding pages of this Book, the Com<sup>tee</sup> of Correspondence having Given M<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Dana Cap<sup>t</sup> Joseph Sheple Jonas Cutler & Joseph Chase the offer of Signing the Association Paper and they refusing to sign, Delayed their posting their names in the publick houses for some time, hoping for accomodation & that a union w<sup>d</sup> take place, untill the Inhabitants grew very uneasy, and therefore the Com<sup>tee</sup> put up an advertisement in three publick houses in this Town, in the following Words, viz. —

Whereas The Town of Groton at a legal meeting on the Seventh day of March last, Voted unanimously, that the Names of all the Inhabitants of s<sup>d</sup> Town, who refused to sign their Association paper, wherein the Subscribers were obligated Strictly to adhere to the American Continental Association, should be posted by the Com<sup>tee</sup> of Correspondence in the several publick houses within s<sup>d</sup> Town, and that their names should be entered on the Town Book of records, by the Town Clerk, that so it might be known which of s<sup>d</sup> Inhabitants, are apparently unfriendly to our Happy Constitution, and do (so far) endeavour to prevent a Union &c

In Compliance with s<sup>d</sup> Vote, we hereby notify the Publick, that said Association paper was offered to the Rev<sup>d</sup> Samuel Dana, Joseph Sheple, Jonas Cutler and Joseph Chase, who did refuse to sign the same, and it is Expected that all those who have signed s<sup>d</sup> Association will Remember their Covenant.

Signed by the Com<sup>tee</sup> &c

Groton April 12<sup>th</sup> 1775.

Recorded by OLIVER PRESCOTT *Town Clerk.*

Sometime after the Lexington Battle (so Called) M<sup>r</sup> Dana Desired a Conference with the persons hereafter named in the following Memorandum, which he wrote with his own hand and Desired it might be laid before the Town as soon as Conveniently might be — viz.

This memorandum Witnesseth that at a Conference between D<sup>r</sup> Oliver Prescott Cap<sup>t</sup> Josiah Sartell Deacon Isaac Farnsworth and Benj<sup>a</sup> Bancroft Ens<sup>n</sup> Moses Child and M<sup>r</sup> Jon<sup>a</sup> Clark Lewis on

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the one side and the Rev<sup>d</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Dana on the other, it was proposed and agreed to by all parties that the pastoral Relation between the s<sup>d</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Dana and the Inhabitants of Groton should be Dissolved on Conditions the Town when properly met shall Judge it Expedient and at the same time will restore the s<sup>d</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Dana to the usual Priviledges and Advantages of Society and Neighbourhood — and use their Influence to preserve him his Family and Substance from Injury and Abuse, either from the inhabitants of this or any of the Neighboring Towns, — The s<sup>d</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Dana at the same Time giving the Town, the reasonable Assurance in his power that he will not only not oppose their political measures but unite with them agreeable to the advise of the Continental and Provincial Congresses and the Votes of the Town.

Recorded by OLIVER PRESCOTT *Town Clerk*

(Page 283.)

May 26, 1777.

Voted That the Selectmen be Directed to take the Lead Weights out of the meeting house Windows, and Cause them to be run into Bullets for the Town Stock, and that they procure Iron Weights and put into s<sup>d</sup> Windows as soon as Conveniently may be.

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## *Revolutionary Papers*

Among some old manuscripts found in the office of the selectmen at Groton was a small parcel, marked in Mr. Butler's handwriting, "Papers relating to the Revolution." They comprise a dozen or more printed Broad-sides, Resolves, Proclamations, etc., issued during the Revolutionary period, and numerous certificates and receipts given by officers and soldiers, besides other writings of a miscellaneous character. They comprise, also, many papers relating to the Shays Rebellion, which for the most part are returns, duly signed by the proper officers, that various insurgents had delivered up their arms, and had taken the oath of allegiance. Such lists contain the names of more than seventy Groton men who had been in open rebellion against the State government. These old manuscripts form an interesting collection of papers, and throw much side-light on the military history of the town during the Revolution and the period immediately following. I have had them carefully arranged and placed in a volume, lettered on the back "Papers relating to the Revolution;" and they are now in the possession of the Town Clerk. In order to render these papers accessible to the local antiquary, I give copies of them below. While some may seem to be of trifling importance or value, they all shed new light on the particular service of individual soldiers.

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The signatures to the following paper have been cut off, so that it is not known what names were originally attached. Evidently the signers were of Tory proclivities; and probably the mutilation was not done till after such persons were held in disgrace. The date of the writing is somewhat uncertain, and there is no good clew to follow.

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MAY PLEASE YOUR HONOURS.

With submission, we beg leave to acquaint you that we are, and desire to continue subjects to the King of great Britain. As to Independence, We have heard much talk of it, but are intirely ignorant of its being declared. Certainly, so great an Event as this ought not to have been done in a Corner, (notified in one or two Towns) It undoubtedly would have been publish'd in every sea Port, and Market Town throughout America. It therefore cannot be ! it is not so. Independence on Great Britain is not yet declared, because if it were, then certainly so wise a Body as the Honble Congress, wou'd have been consistent with themselves ; they must, they wou'd have acted and proceeded according to humanity and Justice, and the usage of Nations at War, and have issued a Proclamation for such as chose to adhere to the King, to be allowed a limited time in order to dispose of their Effects, and to depart the Continent. Had this been the case, we shou'd have been gone, where we might have earned our Bread by honest industry. But now, we are held here by force, and a stagnation of Trade in general through the Continent ; so that there is no other alternative left us, but to go into the Army, or to starve. Our conscience will not let us do the former. Again, may please your Honors, another very forcible reason why Independence is not yet declared, is that, which might with the greatest reason in the world have been expected at so great an Event, so mighty a turn and change of Government ; so great ! as not to be met with in History, excepting only in the case of Holland ; That ! May please your Honors which is ever looked for and granted, even at the Crowning of a new King ; The Prison doors (the clashing of whose locks and bolts strike terror to the hearers) are set open, and the prisoner, in all matters, Murder alone excepted go free ; Once more to have the pleasure of the fresh Air, and looking their merciless Creditor and otherwise oppressors in the face ; and to bless the Cause that set them free. Old things are then done away, all things become new. This may please your Honours is not yet done : Therefore, Independence, most assuredly is not yet publickly declared, because that, so mild a Government as might reasonably be expected from a Republick Form, and its new Laws, wou'd never stain such an Aera by punishing offences done under a former Government. As to what is alledged against us, respecting the paper money, Nothing is more certain, than that, when this



currency was made and issued out, We, through the Continent, were, to all intent and purposes the Kings subjects ; and no law by legal authority in being, to make and issue such a Currency ; so that, May please your Honors We utterly deny our being guilty of an offence against the known laws of any Kingdom or State. We stand at the Kings Judgment seat where we ought to be Judged ; and by the laws of the Realm, we desire to stand or fall. But may please your Honors, had this paper Currency at the declaration of Independance (if it be declared) been called in, or allowed by Authority to remain good and in force, also a publick law provided for the punishment of offenders in counterfeiting and defacing it, The case then, wou'd widely have differed from the present ; for then, undoubtedly, those caught in doing this might be justly deemed offenders, liable to punishment by such a law. Upon the whole, May please your Honours, We beg, that, if we have offended against, or violated any law, that it be pointed out to us, for we are not conscious that we have violated any Law in Being. And where no law is, there can be no transgression. a Law may be made to look forward, and to punish the transgressors of that law, but it cannot look back, and punish a matter done any time before any law be provided to make that matter punishable. We instance May please your Honours, in the case of Cain, who was a murderer ; guilty, of the highest Crime, that man cou'd commit against man ; who slew almost half the world at one stroke. The Almighty God did not take his life, because, at that time, there was no law to punish such a Deed. But to shew his abhorrence of so inhuman a Cruelty, his Maker told him he shou'd not prosper, but become a fugitive and a vagabond &c<sup>a</sup>. And afterwards, it pleased the great Governor of the World, to make a Law, that, he who shou'd shed Mans blood, by man, shou'd his blood be shed. Murder then became a transgression, to be punished by death. But did not put that law in execution or force against Cain, for the above reason ; but made that law for future generations, and preservation of the lives of mankind.

TO THE HON<sup>BLE</sup> JUDGES OF THE [torn]  
to be holden at Cambridge on [torn]

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THE MEETING-HOUSE AND THE COMMON

This cut of the First Parish Meeting-house and the Common is taken from a drawing made in the year 1838 by John Warner Barber, and was printed in his "Historical Collections" of Massachusetts (Worcester, 1839). It represents the Meeting-house which was built in 1755, as it originally appeared, and before it was remodelled in 1839, when it was partially turned round, and the north end of the building made the front, facing the west. On this Common the minute-men and other soldiers rallied on April 19, 1775; and here the ammunition was given out that forenoon by the selectmen of the town, as related below. The powder-house, or "magazine," as it is called in the records, was near-by, and the place handy for the purpose. It stood in the roadway of High Street — which then was not laid out — perhaps thirty-five rods from its north end.

The following paper has a good deal of historical interest. The several articles, therein mentioned, were delivered to the soldiers, just before marching. It must have been a scene

well worthy of the dramatic skill of a poet or an artist. Apparently the minute-men and the militia were supplied with ammunition at the same time, and presumably in their respective companies they marched together down the road.

GROTON APRIL Y<sup>R</sup> 19<sup>TH</sup> 1775

upon an alarm Deliver<sup>d</sup> to y<sup>e</sup> Soldiers out of y<sup>e</sup> Town Stock as follows, (viz)

To Daniel Gillson  $\frac{3}{4}$ <sup>d</sup> of powder & 4 flints  
 To David Archabald  $\frac{1}{d}$  of powder & 20 bullets of y<sup>e</sup> largest size  
 To Will<sup>m</sup> Derumple  $\frac{1}{2}$ <sup>d</sup> of powder  
 To Amos Adams  $\frac{1}{2}$ <sup>d</sup> of powder 10 bullets  
 To John Williams  $\frac{1}{4}$ <sup>d</sup> of powder 6 F 15 B:  
 To Eleazar green j<sup>r</sup> 20 bullets  $\frac{1}{d}$  powder  
 To John gragg  $\frac{1}{d}$  powder 20 B 4 F  
 Benj<sup>s</sup> Parker 20 bullets  $\frac{3}{4}$ <sup>d</sup>  
 Cap<sup>t</sup> Lawrence 20  
 John Pierce 15—6 flints  $\frac{1}{2}$ <sup>d</sup> powder  
 Oliver Lakin 20 B  $\frac{1}{d}$  powder 6 F  
 Phin. Parker  $\frac{3}{4}$ <sup>d</sup> powder 10 B 2 flints  
 Levi Parker  $\frac{1}{d}$  powder  
 Solomon Gillson 6 flints 20 bullets  $\frac{3}{4}$ <sup>d</sup> powder  
 Will<sup>m</sup> Nutting  $\frac{1}{4}$ <sup>d</sup> — 5 flints  
 Josiah Hobart 4 flints 5 B.  
 L<sup>s</sup> Parker  $\frac{3}{4}$ <sup>d</sup> 20 B 4 F  
 Benj<sup>s</sup> Prescott 3 Flints  
 Enoch Cook  $\frac{3}{4}$ <sup>d</sup> powder 3 flints  
 Sam<sup>l</sup> Boyden 12 Bullets  
 Isaac Nutting j<sup>r</sup> 20 B  $\frac{3}{4}$ <sup>d</sup>  
 Benj<sup>s</sup> Patch j<sup>r</sup>  $\frac{1}{2}$ <sup>d</sup> powder 20 B  
 Neh<sup>b</sup> Holden 16 B : 6 Flints 6 more Flints  
 Jon<sup>s</sup> Nutting  $\frac{1}{4}$ <sup>d</sup> powder  
 Neh<sup>b</sup> Tarbell  $\frac{3}{4}$ <sup>d</sup> powder.  
 Nathan<sup>el</sup> Shattuck  $\frac{3}{4}$ <sup>d</sup>—30 B = 6 F  
 Eleazar Flagg 6 Flints  $\frac{3}{4}$ <sup>d</sup> powder  
 John Parker  $\frac{3}{4}$ <sup>d</sup> 6 Flints  
 Will<sup>m</sup> Derumpll j<sup>r</sup> —  $\frac{1}{2}$ <sup>d</sup> — 6 Flints 11 B

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Eph<sup>m</sup> Ward  $\frac{3}{4}$ <sup>d</sup> powder  
 Eph<sup>m</sup> Robins  $\frac{1}{2}$ <sup>d</sup> 3 F  
 John Hazen  $\frac{3}{4}$ <sup>d</sup> 30 B : 6 F  
 Jon<sup>t</sup> Capron j<sup>r</sup>  $\frac{3}{4}$ <sup>d</sup>  
 Asa Porter  $\frac{3}{4}$ <sup>d</sup> 20 B  
 Joseph Frost  $\frac{3}{4}$ <sup>d</sup> 20 B  
 Josiah Warren 20 B  $\frac{1}{2}$ <sup>d</sup> powder  
 Edmund Blood  $\frac{1}{2}$ <sup>d</sup>  
 Jacob Lakin Parker  $\frac{1}{2}$ <sup>d</sup> powder  
 Cap<sup>t</sup> Farwell 16 Bullets  
 James Adams  $\frac{1}{4}$ <sup>d</sup> 14 B 6 F  
 John Ames j<sup>r</sup> 20 B : 6 Flints  
 Nathan<sup>t</sup> Sawtell  $\frac{1}{2}$ <sup>d</sup> powder  
 Winslow Parker 20 B  $\frac{1}{2}$ <sup>d</sup> 6 F  
 Benj<sup>a</sup> Blood 4 F  $\frac{1}{2}$  powder  
 Simeon Foster  $\frac{3}{4}$  powder 4 F  
 Stephen Foster 20 B  $\frac{3}{4}$  powder  
 David Jenkins  $\frac{1}{2}$ <sup>d</sup> 20 B 6 F  
 Obadiah Jenkins 10 B 5 F  $\frac{3}{4}$  Pow  
 James Dodge  $\frac{1}{2}$ <sup>d</sup> powder 2 Flints  
 Benj<sup>a</sup> Lawrence j<sup>r</sup>  $\frac{1}{2}$ <sup>d</sup> powder  
 Aaron Bigelow 20 B 2 F  $\frac{1}{4}$ <sup>d</sup> powder  
 Obadiah Jenkins 20 B  $\frac{3}{4}$ <sup>d</sup> 3 F  
 John Laughton 20 B 4 F  $\frac{1}{4}$ <sup>d</sup> powder  
 Sam<sup>l</sup> Kemp j<sup>r</sup>  $\frac{3}{4}$ <sup>d</sup> 20 B 4 F  
 Aaron Farnsworth  $\frac{1}{2}$ <sup>d</sup> 20 B 3 F  
 Neh<sup>b</sup> Parker 20 B 6 F  $\frac{1}{4}$ <sup>d</sup> powder  
 Oliver Farnsworth j<sup>r</sup>  $\frac{1}{2}$ <sup>d</sup> 2 F  
 John Graves  $\frac{1}{2}$ <sup>d</sup> powder 4 F  
 Isaac Lawrence  $\frac{1}{2}$  4 F  
 Daniel Williams 20 B 6 F  
 Joel Porter 20 B 4 F  
 L<sup>t</sup> Fletcher 13 B  
 Phinehas Hemingway  $\frac{1}{2}$ <sup>d</sup> pow  
 Benj<sup>a</sup> Hazon  $\frac{1}{2}$ <sup>d</sup>  
 Amasa Gillson 4 F 6 B  
 Eb : Kemp j<sup>r</sup>  $\frac{1}{4}$ <sup>d</sup>  
 Jon<sup>t</sup> Woods  $\frac{1}{2}$ <sup>d</sup>  
 John Lawrence  $\frac{1}{2}$

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Ezekiel Nutting j<sup>r</sup>  $\frac{1}{2}$  20 B 6 F  
 Jon<sup>s</sup> Colburn  $\frac{1}{4}$ <sup>d</sup> 20 B 6 F  
 John Lawrence 25 B 4 F  
 Amos Woods 20 B & 6 F &  $\frac{1}{2}$  Powder  
 Oliver Farnsworth  $\frac{1}{2}$  Pound Powder 1 flint and twenty Bullets

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William Tuckerman 3Q<sup>n</sup> Powder & 6 Flints  
 Joseph Adams  $\frac{1}{2}$ <sup>d</sup> Powder 3 F 6 B  
 John Hugh 3 flints  
 Jonathan Woods 3 flints  
 Joseph Herick  $\frac{1}{2}$  powder 24 B 4 F  
 Jonathan Worster 2 F 20 B  
 Cap<sup>t</sup> Amos Lawrance 20 B 4 F  
 Francis Worster 4 F  
 John Hughs 1/<sup>d</sup> of Powder  
 Jon<sup>a</sup> Woods  $\frac{1}{2}$ <sup>d</sup> of Powder 20 B  
 Ashel Wyman 1<sup>d</sup> Powder 12 B Return<sup>d</sup> in 35 B  
 Elisha Hoit 3Q<sup>n</sup> Powder & 3 flints & 16 B  
 Timothy moors 3 Flints  
 Benj<sup>a</sup> Farnsworth 2 F  
 Urial Whitney 2 F  
 Abijah Warrin 3 F & 10 B  
 Jonas Tarboll  $\frac{1}{2}$  P 3 F 20 B  
 Nehemiah Holden one flint  
 Jonathan Jenkins  $\frac{1}{2}$ <sup>d</sup> powder 15 B 1 F  
 Joel Jenkins  $\frac{1}{2}$ <sup>d</sup> 15 B: 2 F  
 John Ames 1/<sup>d</sup> 30 B 2 F  
 Ambrose Lakin  $\frac{1}{4}$ <sup>d</sup> of powder  
 James Blood j<sup>r</sup>  $\frac{1}{2}$ <sup>d</sup> powder) Return Powd  
 Peter Blood 6 Bullits  
 To M<sup>r</sup> Eb: Patch about  $\frac{1}{4}$ <sup>d</sup> powder 12 B  
 Jacob Williams  $\frac{3}{4}$ <sup>d</sup> 20 B 3 F  
 David Lakin 20 B 3 F  
 Oliver Tarbell half a Pound Powder  
 (101 in all)

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TO PEPPERRELL

William Spaulding j<sup>r</sup> ½<sup>d</sup>  
Sam<sup>l</sup> Gillson ½<sup>d</sup> Will<sup>m</sup> Burk ½  
Moses Shattuck ½  
Sam<sup>l</sup> Gillson ½<sup>d</sup> powder  
Eleazar Spaulding ½<sup>d</sup>  
Timothy Hosly ½<sup>d</sup>  
David Avery ¼<sup>d</sup> Powder 15 B. 2 : F  
Reuben Shattuck ½<sup>d</sup> powder wanting about two charges

[*These entries relating to Pepperrell are crossed out.*]

[Indorsed] amenition accompt

*The Selectmen of Groton D<sup>e</sup>*

To a Gun Delivered by their order for Obadiah Jenkins to Carry  
into the Colony army

£:1:16:0

April 19<sup>th</sup> 1775

✓ JOHN STONE

Rec<sup>d</sup> of Isaac Farnsworth one pound thirteen Shillings in Cash,  
as a part of my Servant Cuffis wages, for his Service

Feb<sup>r</sup> y<sup>e</sup> 18<sup>th</sup> 1776

✓ ISAAC TOWNSEND

GROTON March y<sup>e</sup> 28 = 1777

an accompt of what I have Dun in the wars in the year 1775  
Eight months of my Self att Cambridge and Eight months of Uriel  
[his son] att Cambridge and the whole of y<sup>e</sup> year 1776 of uriel in  
the Continental Sarves

ABNER WHITNEY

[Indorsed] Abner Whitney

PEPPERRELL, Septem<sup>r</sup> y<sup>e</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> 1779

This Certifys that M<sup>r</sup> Samuel Farley now liveing in Groton Did  
Service in behalf of this Town by Serveing in the first Eight months  
Campaign at Cambridge in the year 1775 which was Estimated in  
this Town at £4=10 and also in the Twelve months to York which  
was Estimated hear at ten Pounds he on his return Settleing in  
Groton had no oppertunity to, neither has he recived any pay  
therefor but ought to have Credet therefor in the Town where  
he Doth or m[a]y Live

Test

NEH<sup>l</sup> HOBART Town Clerk

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**this may Cartify that Elezer Ames has past muster before me**

JAMES BARRETT } *muster*  
                              *master*

Receive<sup>d</sup> of Benj<sup>a</sup> Bancroft Ju<sup>r</sup> Treasurer for said Town forty Pounds as in full Agreeable to a vote Passed in said Town August y<sup>e</sup> 27<sup>th</sup> 1777

**ELEAZER AMES**

**This may Certify that William Bancraft has Past muster before me**

JAMES BARRETT } *muster*  
                              *master*

**SHIRLEY July 3<sup>th</sup> 1777.**

**SILV<sup>S</sup> SMITH Cap<sup>t</sup>**

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GROTON July y<sup>e</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> 1778

Receiv<sup>d</sup> of Benj<sup>s</sup> Bancroft Ju<sup>r</sup> Treasurer for said Town Twenty Pounds as in full of this Towns Bounty Agreeable to a vote Passed in said Town Apriel y<sup>e</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> 1777

WILLIAM BANCROFT

recon<sup>d</sup> off

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this may Certify that Aaron Bigelow hes Past muster be fore me

AARON BIGELOW

JAMES BARRETT } *muster*  
                              } *master*

[Indorsed] Aaron Biglow

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This may Certafy that Aaron Bigelow has Inlisted into the Continental army for the Town of Groton

EDM<sup>d</sup> BANCROFT L<sup>i</sup>

GROTON May y<sup>e</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> 1777

GROTON May y<sup>e</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> 1777

Receiv<sup>d</sup> of Benj<sup>s</sup> Bancroft Ju<sup>r</sup> Treasurer for said Town Twenty Pounds as in full of the Towns Bounty Agreeable to a vote Passed in said Town Apriel y<sup>e</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> 1777

AARON BIGELOW

Reckned off

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These may Certify that Caleb Blood & John Blood who have inlisted in the Continental army, in Cap<sup>t</sup> Silvanus Smith,s Company in Col: Timothy Biglow,s Regiment, have provided their own Blankets, at their own Expençe

GROTON May 5<sup>th</sup> 1777

ISAAC FARNSWORTH } *Select men*  
JOHN TARBELL } *for s<sup>d</sup> Groton*

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CONCORD 9<sup>th</sup> of April 1777

This may Certify that Benj<sup>t</sup> Brazer appeard Before me and was Regularly mustred for the Town of Groton

JAMES BARRETT } *muster*  
                              } *master*



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GROTON Apriel y<sup>e</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> 1777

Rec<sup>d</sup> of Benj<sup>s</sup> Bancroft Ju<sup>r</sup> Treasurer for said Town Twenty Pounds in full according to the Town's Vote Pass<sup>d</sup> in Apriel y<sup>e</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> 1777

I say Rec<sup>d</sup> by me BENJ<sup>a</sup> BRAZER  
Reckned off

JACOB GRAGG  
MOSES CHILD

[Indorsed] Benj<sup>a</sup> Brazer

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This may Certifie that We have not Return'd Benjamin Brazer as a man in the Continental Army for the Town of Charlestown & hereby agree that he shall go for the Town of Groton

CHARLESTOWN April 6 1778

WALTE RUSSELL }  
JOHN HAY } *Select Men*  
SAMUEL GARDNER }

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GROTON oct<sup>r</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> 1777

Rec<sup>d</sup> of Benj<sup>s</sup> Bancroft Town Treasurer for Groton afores<sup>d</sup> Forty pounds Cash as a Town Bounty agreeable to the Town<sup>s</sup> Vote in auct. 1777- I promise to Serve in the Continental army for three years (if not sooner legally Discharged) as one of s<sup>d</sup> Groton<sup>s</sup> Quota  
witness SAMUEL: COLE

Sept 10 day 1777<sup>th</sup>

This may Sartfey that Samuel Cole Has passed muster for the twon of Groten for the term of three years under Captin Smith for the Continatall Searues and has Reseued his State Bounties of me all exsept four pounds ten Shilings for his fier armes and other queterments. falmouth Casco bay In the Countey of Cumbaland  
muster master for the Same

DANIEL INSLEY Esq

Reckned off

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GROTON June y<sup>e</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> 1777

Receiv<sup>d</sup> of Benj<sup>s</sup> Bancroft Ju<sup>r</sup> Treasurer for said Town Twenty Pounds as in full of a Bounty by a vote Passed in said Town the 7<sup>th</sup> of Apriel last for a soldier that will list into the Contineltal Service for three years or During the war

I say Rec<sup>d</sup> by me WILLIAM CONN

£20.0.0

attest JONAS FARNSWORTH

Reckned off

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MIDDLESEX s<sup>s</sup> STATE OF THE MASSACHUSETTS-BAY, MAY 9<sup>th</sup> 1777

Whereas I the Subscriber having inlisted in the Continental army, as a Soldier under Cap<sup>t</sup> Silvanus Smith in Col: ——— Biglow,s Regiment; and have passed muster, as a Soldier in Said Service during the war, I do hereby acknowledge that I have this day Received a Blanket of the Select men of the Town of Groton, agreeable to an order of the great and general Court of this State

EDMOND FARNSWORTH

the Blanket within mentioned, purchased of y<sup>e</sup> widow mary hartwell @ 18/

July 21<sup>st</sup> 1777

Paid

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This may Certafye that Edm<sup>d</sup> Farnsworth Inlisted into the Continental Army about the Middle of March 1777

EDM<sup>d</sup> BANCROFT, *Lieu<sup>t</sup>*

May y<sup>e</sup> 24<sup>th</sup> 1777

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This may Certafy that Edm<sup>d</sup> Farnsworth has Inlisted into the Continental army for Groton

EDM<sup>d</sup> BANCROFT

Ap<sup>l</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> 1777

EDMAUND FARNSWORTH

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GROTON Sep<sup>t</sup> y<sup>e</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> 1777

Rec<sup>d</sup> of Benj<sup>s</sup> Bancroft Ju<sup>r</sup> Treasurer for This Town Eighteen Shillings in Consequence of the within writing

SUBMIT FARWELL

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Decon Bancroft — you may Venter to let David Farwells wife  
have 3 Dollars Towards y<sup>e</sup> Towns Bounty &c

Reckned off

JAMES PRESCOTT

GROTON October y<sup>e</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> 1777

Receiv<sup>d</sup> of Benj<sup>s</sup> Bancroft Ju<sup>r</sup> Town Treasurer Seven Pounds  
four Shillings in Part of my Husbands Bounty Agreeable to a  
vote Passed in this Town Apriel y<sup>e</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> 1777

SUBMIT FARWELL

GROTON Dec<sup>br</sup> y<sup>e</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> 1777 Rec<sup>d</sup> of Benj<sup>s</sup> Bancroft Ju<sup>r</sup> Twon  
Treasurer three Pounds Twelue Shillings more I Say Rec<sup>d</sup> by me

SUBMIT FARWELL

January y<sup>e</sup> 31<sup>th</sup> 1778 Receiv<sup>d</sup> of Benj<sup>s</sup> Bancroft Ju<sup>r</sup> Eight Pounds  
Six Shillings in full and in Consequence of the within writing

test MOSES CHILD

p<sup>r</sup> me SUBMIT FARWELL

GROTON Octo<sup>r</sup> 8 1777 this Certifys that we are willing David  
Farwells wife should have the Towns Bounty proposed for her  
Husband

JAMES PRESCOTT

To Decon BANCROFT Tresuer<sup>r</sup>

OLIVER PRESCOTT

ISAAC FARNSWORTH

Reckned off

GROTON Nov<sup>r</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> 1781

this Certifieth that Daniel Fletcher Sarved Six months in my  
Company in the 15<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Mass<sup>ts</sup> Regiments in the years 1780  
and 1781, and was Honorably Discharged, he Drew no Blanket nor  
knapsack during his Service in s<sup>d</sup> Reg<sup>ts</sup>

Filed off

SILV<sup>s</sup> SMITH Cap<sup>t</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> Regt

[Indorsed] Rec<sup>d</sup> from Cap<sup>t</sup> Smith

This May Certifye that Thomas Farrington Jun<sup>r</sup> Did Inlist in to  
my Company in the year 1775 on November 20<sup>th</sup> and has continued  
in the Service Ever Sence and Still Remaines there) he was born  
at Groton and heald his Reasedenc there Ever Sence Excepting  
Paying Som Visits at Andover amongst his Frinds &c., he ought  
therefore to be Deemed as a Groton man Now in the Service of the  
United States &c.

THO<sup>s</sup> FARRINGTON

Septemb<sup>r</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> 1778

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Middlesex ss September 8<sup>th</sup> 1778

then the above named Thomas Ferrington personally appeared before me the subscriber and Made solom oath to the truth of the above Certificate

ISRAEL HOBART *Justice of Peace*

We hereby Certify that we were Informed that Cato Frye a free Negro who Resided & Laboured in the Town of Pepperrell for some time previous to his Ingaging in the Continental Army, inlisted as a Soldier in the Continental Service for the Town of Groton and that the Selectmen of Pepperrell Resigned their pretensions to hold him, to the Town of Groton as they supposed they were Quota full, & were to make no further Claim about him — we also Certify he the s<sup>d</sup> Cato did Receive a Town Bounty from Groton

· oct<sup>r</sup> 13<sup>th</sup> 1778

OLIVER PRESCOTT	} <i>Selectmen</i>
ISAAC FARNSWORTH	
JOSEPH MOORS	

} *for*  
} *Groton*

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CONCORD August 26 y<sup>e</sup> 1777

This may Sertify that I haue Enlisted into the Continantal army for three years & haue Pased Muster for the town of grotton

CATO <sup>his</sup> + FRYE  
mark

Test JOHN DAVISON *Sarg<sup>t</sup>*

GROTON Sep<sup>r</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> 1777 D<sup>a</sup> Benj<sup>a</sup> Bancroft Treasurer I See no Dificulty in your paying L<sup>r</sup> Wethrell forty pounds in consideration of a man which he has procured for this Town to Serve as a Soldier in y<sup>e</sup> Continental army for three years as by y<sup>e</sup> above cirtificate

ISAAC FARNSWORTH

Reckned off

GROTON September 6<sup>th</sup> A D 1777

Rec<sup>d</sup> of the Within Named Benj<sup>a</sup> Bancroft Treasurer the Sum of Forty pounds in full of the Towns Bounty for the within Named Cato Frye as within mentioned

OBADIAH WITHERELL

[Indorsed] Cato Fry

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this may Cartify that Jesse garfield has past muster before

JAMES BARRETT } *muster*  
                          } *master*

[Indorsed ] Jesse Garfield

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CAMBRIDGE Jan<sup>y</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> 1778

This may Certifie all to whoom it may Concern That the Town  
of Cambridge haue supply<sup>d</sup> the Contaneltel army wjth men agreeable  
To order of Court Latly made,

by order of the Selectmen

N B. Jesse Garfield Excluded

EDW<sup>d</sup> MARRETT

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To Cap<sup>t</sup> EDW<sup>d</sup> MARRETT

SIR this May Certify that we Desire you to Give Jesse Garfield  
a Certificate that the Town of Cambridge have Got their full  
Quota of men for the Continentel army without Reckoning him for  
one of them

CAMBRIDGE January 16<sup>th</sup> 1778

AARON HILL  
EPHRAIM FROST  
STEP<sup>n</sup> DANA

GROTON Jan<sup>y</sup> 27<sup>th</sup> 1778

Recived of James Prescott the Sum of Sixty pounds (for the use  
of Jesse Garfield resedent in Cambridge) which I Enlisted into  
the Contenental army on the first Day of Nov<sup>r</sup> last who is to  
Serve in Cap. Whites Company in Co<sup>ll</sup> Ruefus Putnum's Ridge<sup>t</sup>  
which Sum I Recive as a Bounty Given by S<sup>d</sup> Town of Groton to  
the Said Garfield to Serve for & be recon<sup>d</sup> as part of the Quota  
for Said town

SARGENT THOMAS DITSON

Attest WILLIAM SWAN

Feb<sup>y</sup> 13: 1778

re<sup>d</sup> of Benj<sup>t</sup> Bancroft Ju<sup>r</sup> Six pounds

Reckned off

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This may Certify that Daniel Gillson and Daniel Gillson Jr hes  
Past muster before me

JAMES BARRETT } *muster*  
                          } *master*

Reckned off

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GROTON May y<sup>e</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> 1777

We the Subscribers &c  
Receiv<sup>d</sup> of Benj<sup>a</sup> Bancroft Ju<sup>r</sup> Treasurer of the Town of Groton  
Twenty Pounds Each as in full of Said Towns Bounty Abreeable to  
a vote Passed in Said Town Apriel y<sup>e</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> 1777

DANIEL GILLSON  
DANIEL GILLSON JU<sup>R</sup>

[Indorsed] Daniel Gillson

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this may Certify that Arnel Glidden has past muster before me

JAMES BARRETT } *muster*  
                              *master*

ARNEL GLIDDEN

[Indorsed] Arnel Glidden

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GROTON Oct<sup>r</sup> 19<sup>th</sup> 1777. Rec<sup>d</sup> of Benj<sup>a</sup> Bancroft ju<sup>r</sup> Town Treas-  
urer for Groton Thirty one pound in Cash which with the sum of  
nine pounds I have already received of Nathan Smith is in full  
of the Towns Bounty for their Continental men and do hereby  
acknowledge I have received the same in Consequence of my being  
inlisted into the Continental army for three years as one of the  
s<sup>d</sup> Towns Quota of Continental men &c

ARNEL GLIDDEN

witness  
OLIVER PRESCOTT  
Reckned off

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For Value received I promise to pay Benj<sup>a</sup> Bancroft ju<sup>r</sup> Town  
Treasurer for the Town of Groton or his Successor in s<sup>d</sup> office the  
Sum of Forty pounds on Demand, I having rec<sup>d</sup> the s<sup>d</sup> Sum for the  
purpose of hiring men for s<sup>d</sup> Town into the Continental Service &c  
Witness my hand this fifth day Sept<sup>r</sup> A D. 1777

NATHAN SMITH

Test  
ISAAC FARNSWORTH

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Febr<sup>y</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> 1778

Gave D<sup>s</sup> Bancroft an order for the above Sum of forty pounds

Sept<sup>r</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> 1777

Deacon Bancroft we Desire you to pay Cap<sup>t</sup> Smith the Sum within mentioned & receive this Note for the Same

OLIVER PRESCOTT  
ISAAC FARNSWORTH  
NATHAN HUBBURD

} *Selectmen*  
for Groton

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BOSTON May 3<sup>d</sup> 1777 This May Certify that Elisha Hoit inlisted in Coll<sup>o</sup> Crains Reg<sup>t</sup> of Artillery and past Muster the 29<sup>th</sup> of April Last past as for the Town of groton

in Cap<sup>t</sup> Benj<sup>n</sup> Eustus Company

JOSEPH BLISS *Leiu<sup>t</sup>*

GROTON may y<sup>e</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> 1777

Receiv<sup>d</sup> of Benj<sup>s</sup> Bancroft Ju<sup>r</sup> Treasurer for Said Town Twenty Pounds as in full of the Bounty Agreeable to a vote Passed in said Town April y<sup>e</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> 1777 I say Rec<sup>d</sup> by me

ELISHA HOIT

attest

EPHRAIM WARREN JR

Reckned off

[Indorsed] Elisha Hoit

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This may sertify that Richard Holden hes Past muster before me

JAMES BARRETT

} *muster*  
*master*

Reckned off

GROTON may y<sup>e</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> 1777

Receiv<sup>d</sup> of Benj<sup>s</sup> Bancroft Ju<sup>r</sup> Treasurer for Said Town Twenty Pounds as in full of this Towns Bounty Agreeable to a vote Passed in Said Town April y<sup>e</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> 1777

RICHARD HOLDEN

[Indorsed] Richard Holden

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CONCORD may 2<sup>d</sup> 1777

this may Certify that I have inlisted and mustered Richard Holdin  
for the term of three years for the town of groton

SILV<sup>s</sup> SMITH *Cap<sup>t</sup>*

RICHARD HOLDEN

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middlesex s<sup>s</sup> State of the massachusetts-bay, Groton may 10<sup>th</sup> 1777

These may Certify that Richard Holden having inlisted as a  
Soldier in the Continental army, under Cap<sup>t</sup> Silvanus Smith in Col:  
Biglow,s Regiment, has found his own Blanket agreeable to an  
order of the Great & General Court of this State

ISAAC FARNSWORTH	} <i>Select men for s<sup>d</sup> Groton</i>
JOHN TARBELL	
OLIVER PRESCOTT	

re<sup>d</sup> of y<sup>e</sup> Town of Groton the pay for the Blankit aboue men-  
tioned

GROTON Dec<sup>r</sup> 19: 1777

NEHEMIAH HOLDEN

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This may sertify that Joel Jenkins hes Pased muster Before me

JAMES BARRETT *muster master*

[Indorsed] Joel Jenkins

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GROTON Apriel y<sup>e</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> 1777

Receiv<sup>d</sup> of Benj<sup>s</sup> Bancroft Ju<sup>t</sup> Treasurer for Said Town Twenty  
Pounds in full According to a Vote Pass<sup>d</sup> in this Town Apriel y<sup>e</sup>  
7<sup>th</sup> 1777

I say Rec<sup>d</sup> by me

JOEL JENKINS

Reckned off

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GROTON April 1<sup>th</sup> 1777

this may Certify that I have Inlisted William Keemp and mus-  
tered him During the present War for the town of Groton

SILV<sup>s</sup> SMITH *Cap<sup>t</sup>*



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GROTON Apriel y<sup>e</sup> 18<sup>th</sup> 1777

Receiv<sup>d</sup> of Benj<sup>s</sup> Bancroft Ju<sup>r</sup> Treasurer for said Town Twenty Pounds as in full of my Bounty Voted by this Town Apriel y<sup>e</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> 1777 I Say Rec<sup>d</sup> by me

WILLIAM KEMP

recon<sup>d</sup> off

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this may Certify that micheel Keenin has Past muster before me

JAMES BARRETT } *muster*  
                          } *master*

MICHAEL KEENIN

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CAMBRIDGE Feby 11<sup>th</sup> 1778

These may Certifie that m<sup>r</sup> Mich<sup>l</sup> Kweein a Ressidant in this town for abo<sup>t</sup> one year, and haith behav<sup>d</sup> himself respectfull, and well among us hauing an Inclination To go in the publect Service against our Enimies, that we haue in this Town Our Full Quota of men for the three years Cappain Latly ordered by the Great & Gen<sup>l</sup> Court of this State.

by order of the Selectmen of the Town of Cambridge

EDW<sup>d</sup> MARRETT

GROTON Feby 14<sup>th</sup> 1778

I hereby acknowledge myself to have inlisted into the Continental army for the Term of Three years (if not sooner Discharged) as a Soldier in Cap<sup>t</sup> Sylvanus Smith<sup>s</sup> Company and Col<sup>o</sup> Bigelows Rig<sup>t</sup> to make up the Quota assigned the town of Groton afores<sup>d</sup> & have this Day received of Cap<sup>t</sup> Benj<sup>s</sup> Bancroft Town Treasurer for s<sup>d</sup> Groton the Sum of Sixty pounds L m<sup>o</sup> as a Town<sup>s</sup> Bounty for s<sup>d</sup> Service

MICHAEL KEENIN

witness

OLIVER PRESCOTT

£.60

Reckned off

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may 5<sup>th</sup> 1777

I the Subscribe being inlisted in the Continental army with Cap<sup>t</sup> Silvanus Smith in Col: Timothy Biglow,s Regiment Do hereby acknowledge that I have Received one Blanket of the Selectmen of the Town of Groton in Consideration of a Blanket allowed me by an order of y<sup>e</sup> General Court of this State

ZACH<sup>ry</sup> LONGLEY

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this may Sertify that Zacariah Longley Junior has past muster Before me

JAMES BARRETT } *muster*  
                              *master*

ZACH<sup>ry</sup> LONGLEY Ju<sup>r</sup>

[Indorsed] Z. Longley Ju<sup>r</sup>

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GROTON april 19<sup>th</sup> 1777

this may Sartify that I have inlisted and mustered Zaceriah Longley and Asa Longley for the tarm of three years for the town of groton

SILV<sup>s</sup> SMITH Cap<sup>t</sup>

GROTON Apriel y<sup>e</sup> 21<sup>th</sup> 1777

we the Subscribers have Rec<sup>d</sup> of Benj<sup>s</sup> Bancroft Ju<sup>r</sup> Treasurer for Said Town forty Pounds according to this Towns Vote Passed in Apriel y<sup>e</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> 1777 we Say Rec<sup>d</sup> by us

ZACH<sup>ry</sup> LONGLEY

Reckned off

ASA LONGLEY

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CAMBRIDGE May the 13 1777

This May Sartify that Zachariah Longly Junr is a Soldier in my Company and hes Been Mustered in the Contanaltal Army for Grotton

W<sup>m</sup> HUDSON BALLARD Cp<sup>t</sup>

GROTON may y<sup>e</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> 1777

Rec<sup>d</sup> of Benj<sup>s</sup> Bancroft Ju<sup>r</sup> Treasurer for the Town above Said Twenty Pounds as in full of the Bounty voted in Said Town Apriel y<sup>e</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> 1777 I Say Rec<sup>d</sup> by me

ZACH<sup>ry</sup> LONGLEY Ju<sup>r</sup>

recon<sup>d</sup> off

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CONCORD 9<sup>th</sup> of April 1777

This may Certify that Henry M<sup>c</sup>Near appeared Before and was Regularly mustred for the Town of Groton.

JAMES BARRETT *muster master*

GROTON Apriel y<sup>e</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> 1777

Receiv<sup>d</sup> of Benj<sup>s</sup> Bancroft Ju<sup>r</sup> Treasurer for Said Town Twenty Pounds as in full of the Bounty Voted by this Town Apriel y<sup>e</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> 1777 I say Rec<sup>d</sup> by me

HENRY M<sup>c</sup>NEIL

Reckned off

[Indorsed] Henry m<sup>c</sup>Neil

GROTON may y<sup>e</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> 1777

I the Subscriber having inlisted in the publick Service of the State of the massachusetts-bay, as a Soldier to Serve for two months after my arrival at the place of Destination agreeable to my inlistment, do hereby acknowledge that I have Rec<sup>d</sup> of the Select men of said Town of Groton, twelve Shillings as my Ration or milage-money for Travil from my place of abode to y<sup>e</sup> place of Destination as afores<sup>d</sup> agreeable to a late order of the General Court of said State

witness

AMOS LAWRANCE Ju<sup>r</sup>

July 21<sup>st</sup> 1777. Paid

JOHN <sup>his</sup> ~ PEIRCE  
mark

GROTON April 19<sup>th</sup> 1777

this may Sartyfy that I haue inlisted and mustered Benj<sup>s</sup> peirce for the tarm of three years for the town of Groton

SILV<sup>s</sup> SMITH *Cap<sup>t</sup>*

GROTON Apriel y<sup>e</sup> 19<sup>th</sup> 1777

Rec<sup>d</sup> of Benj<sup>s</sup> Bancroft Ju<sup>r</sup> Treasurer for said Town Twenty Pounds in full according to a Vote Passed in this Town Apriel y<sup>e</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> 1777 I Say Rec<sup>d</sup> by me

BENJ<sup>A</sup> PEIRCE

Reckned off

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this may Certify that James Piert hes Past muster Before me

JAMES BARRETT } *muster*  
                              *master*

[Indorsed] James Piert

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I the Subscriber having this day inlisted my Self into the Continental Service for the term of three years as a private Soldier for the Town of Groton, Do hereby acknowledge that I have Received of the Committee of Said Town the Sum of forty Pounds in ful as Said Towns Bounty for said Service

Dated GROTON January 17<sup>th</sup> 1778

✶ JAMES PIEART

Reckned off

GROTON January y<sup>e</sup> 29<sup>th</sup> 1778

Receiv<sup>d</sup> of Benj<sup>s</sup> Bancroft Ju<sup>r</sup> Town Treasurer for said Town forty Pounds as in full and in Consequence of the within Certificate we Say Rec<sup>d</sup> by us

£40-0-0

BENJ<sup>a</sup> LAWBRANCE J<sup>r</sup>  
JOSEPH MOORS  
MOSES CHILD

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this may Sertify that Charles Procter hes past muster before me

JAMES BARRETT } *muster*  
                              *master*

CHARLES <sup>his</sup> X PROCKTOR  
                              <sub>mark</sub>

attest

OLIVER PRESCOTT April 23<sup>d</sup> 1777 Rec<sup>d</sup> five Pounds

[Indorsed] Charles Procter

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This may Cartify that Jonas Procter has past muster for Groten befor me

JAMES BARRETT } *muster*  
                              *master*

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GROTON June y<sup>e</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> 1777

Receiv<sup>d</sup> of Benj<sup>s</sup> Bancroft Ju<sup>r</sup> Treasurer for said Town Twenty Pounds as in full of this Towns Bounty Agreeable to a vote Passed in Said Town Apriel y<sup>e</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> 1777

attest DANIEL GILLSON

JONAS <sup>his</sup>  
X PROCTER  
<sub>mark</sub>

Reckned off

[Indorsed] Jonas Procter

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This may Sertify that Nathaniel Russell has Past muster before me

JAMES BARRETT } *muster*  
                              } *master*

Reckned off

GROTON May y<sup>e</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> 1777

Receiv<sup>d</sup> of Benj<sup>s</sup> Bancroft Ju<sup>r</sup> Treasurer for Said Town Twenty Pounds as in full of the Bounty according to a vote Passed in Said Town Apriel y<sup>e</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> 1777 I Say Rec<sup>d</sup> by me

EPH<sup>m</sup> RUSSELL

[Indorsed] Nath<sup>l</sup> Russell

GROTON April y<sup>e</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> 1777

GENTLEMEN Please to Pay my Father Ephraim Russell the Sum of twenty Pounds Voted to me as a Towns bounty for my Engageing in the Conten<sup>t</sup> Service Dureing the war as I am this Day obliged to March and Cannot wait to Receive it my Self & you will oblige your most obedient & Very humble Se<sup>r</sup>

NATHIEL RUSSELL

To the Selectmen of Groton  
or Towns Committee or Treasurer

re<sup>d</sup> twenty pounds EPHR<sup>m</sup> RUSSELL

Reckned off

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TO THE SELECTMEN OF GROTON Please to Pay my Hond Father What was allowued for a Blanket for he found me one and I Expected to Drawn the money for it when I Joyned My Regment but could not for want of a certificate from Groton Select men

From Your Humble St

NATHANIEL RUSSELL

ALBANY may ye 28 1777

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This may sertefy that Salomon Russell hes Past muster Before me

JAMES BARRETT } *muster*  
                              } *master*

Reckned off

GROTON April y<sup>e</sup> 30<sup>th</sup> 1777

Receiv<sup>d</sup> of Benj<sup>s</sup> Bancroft Ju<sup>r</sup> Treasurer for said Town Twenty Pounds as in full of the Bounty Agreeable to a vote Passed in Said Town Apriel y<sup>e</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> 1777 I Say Rec<sup>d</sup> by me

SOLOMON RUSSELL

[Indorsed] Solomon Russell

may y<sup>e</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> 1777

I the subscriber being inlisted in the Continental army with Cap<sup>t</sup> Silvanus Smith in Col: Timothy Biglow,s Regiment Do hereby acknowledge that I have Received one Blanket of of the Selectmen of y<sup>e</sup> Town of Groton in Consideration of a Blanket allowed me by an order of the General Court of this State

SOLOMON RUSSELL

CONCORD Sep<sup>r</sup> 11 y<sup>e</sup> 1777

To Capt. ASA LAWRENCE Sir as you are one of the Comity for to Enlist men for the town I Send you Sam<sup>l</sup> Taylor that I haue Enlisted him & Pased muster & want the hyer onest forty Pounds & the town of acton they Say is Coto full

OBADIAH WITHERELL

I want you Should Enlist them men that you talked of & Send the Enlistment by Eleazer Eames Send me as many as you Can for General Gates is Sent for all the Continantal Officers & men These from your friend

OBADIAH WITHERELL

This may Cartify that Samuel Talor has past muster before me

JAMES BARRETT } *muster*  
                              } *master*

Sep<sup>r</sup> 12: 1777 I hereby Certify that Nathan Parlin one of y<sup>e</sup> Com<sup>tee</sup> of Acton Told me y<sup>e</sup> Evening of y<sup>e</sup> 11: Instant that y<sup>e</sup> town of Acton had Got their Quota of men & had no objection to my Going for any town

Test

EPH<sup>m</sup> RUSSELL

SAMUEL X TAYLOR  
his  
mark

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GROTON Sep<sup>r</sup> 12: 1777

I hereby acknowledge that I have rec<sup>d</sup> of Oliver Prescott Esq<sup>r</sup> forty pounds as an additional Bounty Given by y<sup>e</sup> Town of Groton To Serve as a Soldier in y<sup>e</sup> Contenantal army for s<sup>d</sup> town

EPH<sup>m</sup> RUSSELL

SAMUEL <sup>his</sup> X TAYLOR  
mark

June 23<sup>d</sup> 1778

Gave this Receipt to M<sup>r</sup> Child which I am to have Cr for

[Addressed] To Captn Asa Lawrence Groton

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this may Certify that Samuel Thomson has Past muster before  
me

JAMES BARRETT } *muster*  
                              *master*

Reckned off

GROTON Jan<sup>y</sup> 30<sup>th</sup> 1778 Rec<sup>d</sup> of Benj<sup>s</sup> Bancroft Ju<sup>r</sup> Town Treas<sup>r</sup> for said Town Sixty Pounds and in Consequence of the within Certificate and I hereby acknowledge my Self a Soldier in the Continental Service for the term of three years & as a Private Soldier for the Town of Groton in Said Service in Cap<sup>t</sup> Salvanus Smith Company

attest Thos BOND

p<sup>r</sup> SAMUEL THOMSON

[Indorsed] Sam<sup>l</sup> Tomson

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CAMBRIDGE April 15 1777

to Cap<sup>t</sup> Benjamin Bancraft iur town treshrer Sir Pleas to Pay John Williams my money that is Coming from the town as a Soldir in the Contenental army from groton and this Recit Shall Be your Discharge from me

NATHANEL WILLIAMS

JOHN WILLIAMS

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this may Certifi that Nathaniel Williams has Inlisted in my Company for the Town of Groton

P<sup>r</sup> me MATTH FAIRFIELD C<sup>p</sup>

CAMBRIDG Apriel 15 1777<sup>th</sup>

Reckned off

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GROTON April 5<sup>th</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> 1777

Received of Benj<sup>m</sup> Bancroft Ju<sup>r</sup> Treasurer for Said Town Twenty  
Pounds as in full according to this Towns Vote Passed in April y<sup>e</sup>  
7<sup>th</sup> 1777 by the hand of my Brother John Williams by my order  
I Say Rec<sup>d</sup> by me JOHN WILLIAMS

in behalf of NITHANIL WILLIAMS

This may Certifie that Nat Williams was mustered in Cap Fair-  
fields Company & Col Wigglesworth Battalion & was paid the  
State Bounty by NAT BARON

**NAT BARON**

**BOSTON**

***M master***

**April 15 1777**

**County Suffolk**

[Indorsed] Nathl. Williams

this may Certify that Peter Youngman hes Past muster before  
me ) muster

**PETER YOUNGMAN**

JAMES BARRETT } *muster*  
                              *master*

**January 30 1778**

**This may Certfy that I Peter youngman for and in Consideration of a Sume agreed apon betwexts us to be paid to me by John Nutting of Groton I have Inleasted my Self into the Continantal armye to Do a turn in the place of John Nutting and No other man.**

**atext**

PETER YOUNGMAN

**PELATI FLETCHER**

**This Certifies that the Town of wesford have engaged their Quota in the Contenental army and that the Barer Peter youngman is at Liberty to Engage for any other Town at prsent.**

**ZAC<sup>S</sup> WRIGHT Cap<sup>t</sup>**

WESFORD Feb. 11. 1778.

## Reckned off

GROTON Feb<sup>r</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> 1778

Rec<sup>d</sup> of Benj<sup>a</sup> Bancroft Ju<sup>r</sup> Town Treasurer for S<sup>d</sup> Town the Sum  
of Forty Pounds in full for S<sup>d</sup> Towns Bounty, & I hereby Acknowl-  
edge my Self A Private Soldier Under Cap<sup>t</sup> Smith in Coll: Biglows  
Reg<sup>t</sup>. for Groton During the Term of three Years as Witness my  
hand \_\_\_\_\_ PETER YOUNGMAN

PETER YOUNGMAN



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GROTON april 23<sup>th</sup> 1777

Rec<sup>d</sup> of the Selectmen of Groton two Blankets for the use of my  
Company

SILV<sup>s</sup> SMITH Cap<sup>t</sup>

Price 42/

We the Subscribers Each of us Rec<sup>d</sup> of Cap<sup>t</sup> Salvenus Smith a  
Blankett that he Rec<sup>d</sup> of the Select men of Groton

BENJ<sup>A</sup> PEIRCE

DAVID TARBEL

April 23<sup>d</sup> 1777

Feb <sup>r</sup> 17 <sup>th</sup> 1778	Peter Youngman Rt from y <sup>e</sup> Town £40 : 0 : -	
April 14 <sup>th</sup> 1777	Nath <sup>l</sup> Russell	20
May 17 <sup>th</sup> 1777	Aaron Bigelow	20
Ap <sup>r</sup> 19 <sup>th</sup> 1777	Benj <sup>a</sup> Peirce	20
April 14 <sup>th</sup> 1777	Benj <sup>a</sup> Brazier	20
April 21 1777	Zac <sup>h</sup> Longley	20
D <sup>o</sup>	Asa Longley	20
June 27 <sup>th</sup> 1778	Jesse Gaffield	60
May 5 <sup>th</sup> 1777	Elisha Hoit	20
May 12 <sup>th</sup> 1777	Richard Holdin	20
April 17 <sup>th</sup> 1777	Nath <sup>l</sup> Williams	20
April 14 <sup>th</sup> 1777	Joel Jenkins	20
May 15 <sup>th</sup> 1777	Zac <sup>h</sup> Longley Ju <sup>r</sup>	20
April 18 1777	W <sup>m</sup> Kemp	20
July 8 <sup>th</sup> 1777	W <sup>m</sup> Bancroft	20
April 17 <sup>th</sup> D <sup>o</sup>	Benj <sup>a</sup> Parker	20
D <sup>o</sup>	John Blood	20
D <sup>o</sup>	Caleb Blood Ju <sup>r</sup>	20
June 10 <sup>th</sup> 1777	W <sup>m</sup> Conn	20
May 14 <sup>th</sup> 1777	Daniel Gilson	20
D <sup>o</sup>	Daniel Gilson Ju <sup>r</sup>	20
April 30 <sup>th</sup> 1777	Solomon Russell	20
April 15 <sup>th</sup> 1777	Henry M <sup>e</sup> Neill	20
April 30 <sup>th</sup> 1778	Sam <sup>l</sup> Thompson	60
Sep <sup>r</sup> 8 <sup>th</sup> 1777	Eleazer Ames	40
May 9 <sup>th</sup> 1777	Edm <sup>d</sup> Farnsworth	20
Sep <sup>r</sup> 12 <sup>th</sup> 1777	Sam <sup>l</sup> Taylor	40

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Jan <sup>r</sup> 29 <sup>th</sup>	1778	Timothy Mixer	£60
D <sup>o</sup>		Joseph Clough	60
Feb <sup>r</sup> 15 <sup>th</sup>	1779	John Magee	140
Nov <sup>r</sup>	1778	Andrew Alexander	100
D <sup>o</sup>		Gockam Vannalstine	100
Sep <sup>r</sup>	1779	James Marr	450
		John Gragg Ju <sup>r</sup>	
		Edm <sup>d</sup> Trowbridge	
		John Parker	
		Simeon kemp	
		Calvin kemp	
April	1778	Tho <sup>s</sup> Colvin	40
		Isaac Phillips	
		John Bennett	
March	1777	David Crage	20
April	1777	Simeon Gould	
			<hr/>
			Total 2130 Bounty

GROTON may 7<sup>th</sup> 1777

We the Subscribers Some for our Selves & others in y<sup>e</sup> Room & behalf of others Do hereby inlist our Selves as Soldiers in the publick Service of the State of y<sup>e</sup> massachusetts-bay to Continue in Said Service for the term of two months after our arrival at the place of Destination agreeable to a late order of the General Court of this State to Reinforce the army at or near Providence in the State of Rhodisland, and to be under Such Regulations as is given by Congress to the Continental army, viz)

Lemuel Parker in the Room & behalf of Eleazar Parker

Lemuel Parker jun<sup>r</sup> in the Room & behalf of Levi Parker

Oliver Woods, in the Room & behalf of James Woods

LEMUEL PARKER

LEMUEL PARKER Jun<sup>r</sup>

OLIVER WOODS

JONATHAN WORSTER

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GROTON may y<sup>e</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> 1777

We the Subscribers having inlisted in the publick Service of the State of y<sup>e</sup> massachusetts-bay, as Soldiers for said State to Serve during y<sup>e</sup> term of two months in y<sup>e</sup> war agreeable to our inlistment, acknowledge that we have Rec<sup>d</sup> of the Select men of Groton, twelve Shillings Each of us Respectively, as our Ration, or milage money, for Travil from our places of abode to the place of our Destination, agreeable to an order of the General Court of this State

LEMUEL PARKER  
LEMUEL PARKER JU  
OLIUER WOODS  
JONATHAN WORSTER  
JOSEPH PAGE  
JOHN STEVENS  
JOHN PARK Jr  
JOHN TROWBRIDGE Jr  
JOSEPH MOORS Jun

July 21<sup>th</sup> 1777.

Paid D<sup>n</sup> Farnsworth in full

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GROTON June 2: 1777

preposels from the priseners to the Members of Commitee wee the wnder Neamed persons Dou Sollemly agree aumongst Our Selves that wee will Not work to No person without wee Shall Bee paid two Shillings Lafull Monney Each Day wee work for the Reasons following in the furst place for 4 Monthes in the winter we had Nothing in the Second place what Neserys wee Need wee have to pay three times its Reall intrincek vallou in the third place what Monney wee Earn Ought to Bee paid wance a week for when the time passes One thair Becoms a Scrupel of payments so if you Dont see proper to Make Good Our proposels you May Send Ous whair you found Ous

PATRICK DRUMMOND  
JOHN CREACK  
ALLEXANDER JAMMESON  
PATRICK HOUYE  
DOUGEL MCKINSEY  
JOHN FALKNER

[Addressed] to the Members of Commitee

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These prisoners belonged to the 71st Regiment of Highlanders, which embarked at Greenock for New England, near the end of April, 1776, before the news of the evacuation of Boston had reached the other side of the water. The regiment sailed in a fleet of seven transports which by stress of weather became separated at sea, and two of the vessels, the "George" and the "Annabella," each with about a hundred troops, on June 16 sailed into Boston Harbor where they were fairly entrapped. After a short engagement they fell into the hands of the Americans. A few days earlier the transport "Ann" had a similar experience, and was taken into Marblehead by privateers; and a few days later the transport "Lord Howe" was captured much in the same way, and brought into Boston. For an interesting account of this episode of the Revolution, the reader is referred to a work entitled "Sir Archibald Campbell, of Inverneill, sometime Prisoner of War in the Jail at Concord, Massachusetts" (Boston, 1898), by Charles H. Walcott.

For references to three of the prisoners, see page 167 where a slight description is given of each one.

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account of the Prisner Expencc that I Carried to & Committed  
to Cambridge Gaol Nameley Patrick Drummand & Alexander  
Jemmson

Tarvens Gilbert tow Dinners	1 : 4
Jill Rum	0 . 6
att Jonas tow Suppers	2 : 6
att Hartwell Brackfast	1 . 0
mug Cyder	0 . 3
Coopers tow Dinners	2 . 3
L money	8 : 3
my own & horse oats gilbert	4
Dinner	1 . 0
Toddy & oats Whits	1 . 0
oats Whits	0 . 4

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Jonas Horse $\frac{1}{4}$ Supper $\frac{1}{2}$	3 . 6
flip & Logging	0 . 10
Hartwell Brackfast $\frac{1}{10}$ Meal $\frac{1}{6}$	1 . 4
Munros Toddy $\frac{1}{8}$ Oats $\frac{1}{4}$	1 . 0
Coopers Horse $\frac{1}{6}$ Dinner $\frac{1}{2}$	2 . 6
Larnnards Horse $\frac{1}{6}$ Supper $\frac{1}{6}$	3 . 0
Whitneys Brackfast $\frac{1}{4}$ Oats $\frac{1}{4}$	1 . 8
Joans Oats $\frac{1}{4}$ Toddy $\frac{1}{3}$	0 . 7
Wrights Dinner $\frac{1}{2}$ Toddy $\frac{1}{6}$	1 . 6
Cap' Presins oats $\frac{1}{4}$	0 . 4
Cap' Moors Expense as a astence	8 . 0
my horse Jorney $\frac{5}{4}$	5 . 4
His Time one Day & hors	7 . 0
my own Time 3 Days	12 . 0
my Ex <sup>de</sup> Expence Because things	4 . 3
& Compnay was Dear. Which	
you May Allow if the gent <sup>m</sup> think	
Proper	

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3 : 3 . 9

A True account Error ant Ex-  
pected hear

ISAAC DODGE

GROTON : June 10 : 1747

Recd three Pounds three Shilling & Nine Pence In full of the  
Within account By the hand of M<sup>r</sup> Isaac Farnsworth

P<sup>r</sup> ISAAC DODGE

July 21<sup>th</sup> 1777

Paid

[Indorsed] the Select Men accounts for Committing tow Highlanders to Goal  
June 1777

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### *State of the Massachusetts Bay D<sup>e</sup>*

To The Selectmen of Groton for What Thay Provided for Soldiers  
That Inlisted into the Continental Army Agreeable to a Resolve of  
the Greate and Genneral Court Passed

For two Blanketts Delivered to Cap<sup>t</sup> Salvenus Smith  
for two men in his Company 42/ £2 . 2 - 0 -  
also for Five Blanketts more Delivered to the Soldiers  
as by thare Recp<sup>s</sup> May Appear to the amount of £5 - 2 - 9 -  
Total £7 = 4 - 9

To one Camp Kittle bought of Col<sup>o</sup> James Prescott  
for the Soldiers when they wint to Binnington 0 . 19 = 0  
To D<sup>o</sup> for D<sup>o</sup> of Oliver Prescott Esq<sup>r</sup> 0 - 18 - 0  
to p<sup>d</sup> D<sup>e</sup> Prescott for visits & med<sup>s</sup> for W<sup>m</sup> Adams of  
Boston a Soldier taken sick upon his return from  
the Camp 1 - 0 - 0  
To p<sup>d</sup> D<sup>o</sup> for visits & med<sup>s</sup> for John Fortneau a Scotch  
prisoner of War 0 - 9 - 0  
To p<sup>d</sup> D<sup>o</sup> for med<sup>s</sup> & visit to Rob<sup>t</sup> Campbell D<sup>o</sup> 0 - 3 - 0  
To Cash p<sup>d</sup> Col<sup>o</sup> Sartell for milage he p<sup>d</sup> the Bloods  
whose Receipts he is to produce 3 - 12 - 0

### Deacon Bancroft Town Treasurer for Groton

Pay James Prescott Esq<sup>re</sup> nine pounds in Consequence of his pay-  
ing the Several Soldiers within named their milage and this with  
his Receipt shall be your Discharge for the same sum

Sept<sup>r</sup> 1<sup>th</sup> 1777  
£9

OLIVER PRESCOTT  
ISAAC FARNSWORTH  
JOHN TARBELL

} Selectmen  
for  
Groton

Sept<sup>r</sup> 2<sup>d</sup> 1777

re<sup>d</sup> of Benj<sup>s</sup> Bancroft Town Tresuer<sup>r</sup> Nine pounds in full of the  
above order

JAMES PRESCOTT

we The Subscribers (non Commission officers & private Soldiers)  
Having Enlisted our Selves into y<sup>e</sup> Service of the State of massachu<sup>ts</sup>  
Bay & y<sup>e</sup> united States of america agreeable to the order of y<sup>e</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup>

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Court passed June 27<sup>th</sup> 1777 & have Each of us recived of the Sele<sup>m</sup>  
of Groton in S<sup>d</sup> State Two pence p<sup>r</sup> mile for Travil amounting  
to Twelve Shillings Each man as witness our hands the 4 : Day  
of august 1777

URIEL WHITNEY  
WILLIAM KIMP  
THOMAS TARBELL  
OLIVER FARNSWORTH  
HENRY SWAN  
JOHN TROWBRIDGE  
MOSES CHASE  
AMBRUS <sup>his</sup> X LAKEN  
AMOS AMES <sup>mark</sup> Jr  
MOSES AMES  
LEMUEL PARKER  
DAVID JENKINS  
DANIEL WILLARD  
ABEL <sup>his</sup> X LAKEN  
EPH<sup>mark</sup> RUSSELL Jur

*Cap<sup>t</sup> Asa Lawrence to William Swan*

D<sup>s</sup>

1777

Oct <sup>r</sup> 2 <sup>d</sup>	To Cash p <sup>d</sup> for Horse Keeping at Whitneys Towns <sup>d</sup>	£ 0 " 6 —
	To Ditto p <sup>d</sup> for D <sup>e</sup> at Maj <sup>r</sup> Stones Ashby	" 3 —
	To Ditto p <sup>d</sup> for Shoeing Horse	" 4 " 3
	To Ditto p <sup>d</sup> for 1 Quire paper at Cap <sup>t</sup> Wymans Ashby	" 5 " 4
3 <sup>d</sup>	To Ditto p <sup>d</sup> for Horse keeping Cap <sup>t</sup> Cutler's Rindge	" 4 " 6
	To Ditto p <sup>d</sup> for D <sup>e</sup> at Robert's New Marbro'	" 3 —
	To Ditto p <sup>d</sup> for Men who Neglected paying their Reckning at Roberts's New Marbro' }	" 12 —
4 <sup>th</sup>	To Cash p <sup>d</sup> for Horse keeping at Cap <sup>t</sup> Damonds Keene	" 5 —
	To Ditto p <sup>d</sup> for D <sup>e</sup> at Parkers Winchester	" 2 —

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5 <sup>th</sup>	To D <sup>e</sup> p <sup>d</sup> for D <sup>e</sup> at Hunts & Alexanders Northfield	" 7 " 6
	To D <sup>e</sup> p <sup>d</sup> for D <sup>e</sup> at Smeads's Greenfield	" 3 " 4
6 <sup>th</sup>	To D <sup>e</sup> p <sup>d</sup> for D <sup>e</sup> at Eaton's Shelburn	" 8 —
7 <sup>th</sup>	To D <sup>e</sup> p <sup>d</sup> for D <sup>e</sup> at Fisks foot of y <sup>e</sup> Moun- tain	" 4 " 6
8 <sup>th</sup>	To D <sup>e</sup> p <sup>d</sup> for D <sup>e</sup> at Parkers East Hoo- souck	" 9 —
9 <sup>th</sup>	To D <sup>e</sup> p <sup>d</sup> for D <sup>e</sup> at Bennington	" 9 —
10 <sup>th</sup>	To D <sup>e</sup> p <sup>d</sup> for D <sup>e</sup> at S: Coy	" 9 —
	To D <sup>e</sup> p <sup>d</sup> David Lakin for Expences of Horses Home	3 " 6 —
26 <sup>th</sup>	To D <sup>e</sup> dto Self 17 Dollars for the Relief of Nutting &c	5 " 2 —
		<u>£ 13 " 3 " 5</u>
	To ballance Due to Cap <sup>t</sup> Lawrence	3 " 4 " 7
		<u>£ 16 " 8 " —</u>
	<i>Supra</i>	C <sup>d</sup>
1777		
Oct: 2 <sup>d</sup>	By Cash	<u>£ 16 " 8 —</u>
	Cap <sup>t</sup> Lawrence Receiv'd of the Town's Money	<u>£ 16 —</u>

### *The State of the Massachusetts-Bay to the Town of Groton D<sup>e</sup>*

To Cash paid the Soldiers as mileage money, Camp Kittles and Can- teens — and for Transporting the Soldiers Baggage agreeable to the Resolves of the General Court, August 8 <sup>th</sup> 1777	
To Cash paid Twenty five Soldiers as mileage money as per their Receipt	£ 35 = 8 = 4
To Twenty five Canteens to the Same men @ 2/	2 = 10 = 0
To two Camp kittles	1 = 17 = 0



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	paid Joseph Allen for Carrying the Baggage of the above Soldiers to Bennington	} 33 - 15 = 0
Sep <sup>r</sup> 9 <sup>th</sup> 1777	paid to Six of the above Soldiers who were Dismiss <sup>d</sup> and Sent back again by order of the General Court, for Carrying their Baggage	} 5 - 8 = 0
August 4 <sup>th</sup> 1777	paid to the Soldiers, as mileage to Travel to Providence	12 = 18 = 0
	To 7 Blankets found the Soldiers in Cap <sup>t</sup> Silvanus Smiths Company in Col: Biglows Reg <sup>t</sup> for y <sup>e</sup> Con- tinental Service	} £ 7 = 4 = 9
	To one Gun borrowed of John Stone and Deliver <sup>d</sup> to Obadiah Jenkins April 19 <sup>th</sup> 1775 which Gun was Carried by S <sup>d</sup> Jenkins-s Son Jona- than into the battle at Bunker Hill, the Said Jonathan being then kill <sup>d</sup> & the Said Gun lost	} £ 1 = 16 = 0
	To W <sup>m</sup> Farwell for Carying Packs To Tiverton	£ 14 = 19 6
	Paid Asa Stone for Carting a Load of Cap <sup>t</sup> Volington Good To Boston	3 : 0 . 0
	Dec <sup>m</sup> 19 1777 Paid Nehemah holden for one Blanket for his Son	£ 0 = 18 = 0
	April y <sup>e</sup> 14 1777 paid Convers Richard- son Seven Shillings for Bailing Camp for Cap <sup>t</sup> holdens Company	} 0 - 7 = 0
	To helven Twelve pickaxes 8/ p <sup>d</sup>	0 - 8 = 0

[Indorsed] Scotch Prisoners Acc<sup>t</sup> & Milage Paid y<sup>e</sup> Soldiers &c

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*The State of the massachusetts Bay To the Town of Groton in s<sup>d</sup>  
State D<sup>e</sup>*

To Cash Paid To the Hon<sup>o</sup> Oliver Prescott Esq & others heare-  
after mentioned for Supporting Scoch Prisnors of war and for  
other articals as Shall Be maid To appear By their accounts Exhib-  
ited to the Select men of S<sup>d</sup> Town of Groton Viz

1777 Aug <sup>n</sup> 20 <sup>th</sup>	To Cash Paid Joseph Allen For Carting the Solders Baggage to Benington 150 milds	£33	15	0
	D <sup>e</sup> For articals the Select men of the s <sup>d</sup> Town of Groton Provided for the Solders that inlisted into the Continantal army agreeable To a Resolve of the Genneral Court Passed :			
	To Two Blanketts Delivered Cap <sup>t</sup> Silvenus Smith for Two of his Company Price 42/	2	2	0
	also for five Blanketts more Deliv- ered the Solders as By there Re- cep <sup>t</sup> may appear To the amount of	5	2	9
	To Cash Paid Coll <sup>o</sup> James Prescott for one Camp Kittle for the Sol- ders when they went to Ben- ington	0	19	0
	To D <sup>e</sup> for D <sup>e</sup> paid Oliver Prescott Esq	0	18	0
	To D <sup>e</sup> paid Col <sup>o</sup> Josiah Satwell for mileg he Paid the Bloods whose Recip <sup>t</sup> he is To Produce	3	12	0
1775 April y <sup>e</sup> 19	To D <sup>e</sup> paid John Stone for one fier arme Delivered Obediah Jinkins To Cary into the Colony Service	1	16	0
1777 Sep <sup>t</sup> 2 <sup>th</sup>	To D <sup>e</sup> Paid To Jon <sup>s</sup> Tarbell Lemuel Parker David Prescott Jon <sup>s</sup> Nut- ting W <sup>m</sup> Derumple 12/ Each as milege which men was Raised To Reinforce the army at Rhode Island	3	0	0

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	memorandum about the Expences of the Solder that was Sick at Eben' Farnsworth			
July 6 <sup>th</sup> 1778.	made an order to Asa Stone for Carting a Load of Goods to Boston for Cap <sup>t</sup> Voluntine omitted in the former acct	3	0	0
1776 Aug <sup>st</sup> 31 <sup>th</sup>	To Cash Paid the Hon <sup>d</sup> Oliver Pres- cott Esq for Vesets and med <sup>s</sup> for Schoch Prisenor of war	£0	3	0
	To D <sup>o</sup> for D <sup>o</sup>	0	2	4
	To D <sup>o</sup> Paid to the Hon <sup>d</sup> Oliver Pres- cott for Boarding Robart Camp- bell and wife Scoch Prisenors of war four weeks	5	10	0
1778 Feb <sup>r</sup> 28 <sup>th</sup>	To D <sup>o</sup> paid Eph <sup>m</sup> Russell Jun <sup>r</sup> for milk Delivered Robart Camp- bell & wife	0	18	9
1776 Dec <sup>m</sup>	To D <sup>o</sup> paid Enoch Cook for Sup- porting Robart Campbell & wife	9	4	1
1777 Dec <sup>m</sup> 19 <sup>th</sup>	To D <sup>o</sup> paid Nehemiah Holden for Supporting Robart Campbell & wife	5	16	0
1777 Nov <sup>m</sup>	To D <sup>o</sup> Paid Col <sup>o</sup> Josiah Satwell for Supporting Robert Campbell & wife one month	5	10	0
1776 Nov <sup>m</sup>	To D <sup>o</sup> paid Elezer Green for Sup- porting Drummond a Scoch Prisenor	7	2	8
1777 march 19 <sup>th</sup>	To D <sup>o</sup> paid Jon <sup>s</sup> Tarbell for Sup- porting Robart Campbell & wife	1	13	5
1777 Nov <sup>m</sup> 10 <sup>th</sup>	To D <sup>o</sup> paid Cap <sup>t</sup> Zac <sup>h</sup> Fitch for Sup- porting Robart Campbell & wife	2	15	0
1777 may	To D <sup>o</sup> Paid Cap <sup>t</sup> Amos Lawrance for three Cord of wood Delivered Robat Campbell & wife	1	4	0

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1778 march 5 <sup>th</sup>	To D <sup>o</sup> paid Joseph Allen for Supporting Robat Campbell & wife	5	19	6
1778 April 2 <sup>th</sup>	To D <sup>o</sup> paid Joseph Moors for Supporting Robat Campbell & wife fourteen Days	2	19	6
1777 march 17 <sup>th</sup>	To D <sup>o</sup> paid Nathan hubbart for Supporting Robart Campbell & wife	18	4	3
1778 Feb <sup>r</sup> 14 <sup>th</sup>	To D <sup>o</sup> paid Nathan hubbart for Supporting Robart Campbell & wife	5	10	6
1777 august 6 <sup>th</sup>	To D <sup>o</sup> paid Josiah Stevens for fifteen Gallons milk Delivered Robart Campbell & wife	0	11	4
1778 Feb <sup>r</sup> 23 <sup>th</sup>	To D <sup>o</sup> paid Jon <sup>s</sup> Lawrance for Supporting Robart Campbell & wife	1	14	5
1777 Jan <sup>s</sup>	To D <sup>o</sup> paid Doc <sup>t</sup> Oliver Prescott Esq for Visits and med <sup>y</sup> W <sup>m</sup> Adams of Boston a Solder who was Taken Sick upon his Return from the Camp	1	0	0
	To D <sup>o</sup> paid Doc <sup>t</sup> Oliver Prescott Esq for Visits and med. for John Fortner a Scoch Prisenor of war	0	9	0
	To D <sup>o</sup> paid To D <sup>o</sup> for Visits & med <sup>y</sup> for Robart Campbell Prisenor of war	0	3	0
1778 April 4	To D <sup>o</sup> paid Eph <sup>m</sup> Russell for Six Quarts of milk Delivered Robart Campbell & wife	0	3	0
1777 may	To D <sup>o</sup> paid Eph <sup>m</sup> Russell for finding a Blankett for his Son Nathaniel who was ingaged in the Continantal Service	0	18	0
1776	To D <sup>o</sup> paid Ezekel Fletcher for keeping Elexander Kaldor & his wife Scoch Prisenors of war Six weeks at 27/6 pr week	8	5	0

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The Committee Acompt For Time and Expences Who was Chosen at a Late Town meeting For the Purpose of Hiring Contenantal and Rhideisland men the Town of Groton To Moses Child and Others Viz

Moses Child one Day to Concord	£ 3 : 0 : 0
To Horse Hire to Concord	2 : 14 : 0
To Expences To Concord	2 : 10 : 0
To one Journey to Springfield 4 Days at £ 3 : p <sup>r</sup> Day	12 : 0 : 0
To Hors Hire to Springfield 3/ pr mild	12 : 0 : 0
To Expences to Springfield	16 : 18 : 0

[Indorsed] Committees acc<sup>ts</sup> for Hiring Soldiers &c

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GROTON April 14<sup>th</sup> 1778

Rec<sup>d</sup> of Caleb Woods one pair Stockings & one pair of Shoes  
 Rec<sup>d</sup> of L<sup>i</sup> Solomon Woods two Shirts & one pair of Shoes  
 Rec<sup>d</sup> of Hezekiah kemp one pair of Stockings  
 Rec<sup>d</sup> two pair of Stockings of Cap<sup>t</sup> Farwell  
 April 20<sup>th</sup> Rec<sup>d</sup> of L<sup>i</sup> Wait a pair of Shoes  
 Rec<sup>d</sup> of Col. Sartell by y<sup>e</sup> hand of Jonas Gillson, one pair of Shoes  
 one Shirt & one pair of Stockings  
 Rec<sup>d</sup> of William Nutting one Shirt & one pair of Stockings  
 Rec<sup>d</sup> of Amos Ames one pair of Shoes  
 Rec<sup>d</sup> of old m<sup>r</sup> Oliver Blood one Shirt & three pair of Stockings  
 Rec<sup>d</sup> of Oliver Blood Jun<sup>r</sup> two Shirts  
 Rec<sup>d</sup> of Thomas Farwell two Shirts  
 Rec<sup>d</sup> of Enoch Cook one pair of Stockings  
 Rec<sup>d</sup> of Jonathan Lawrence one pair of Shoes  
 Rec<sup>d</sup> of Isaac Farnsworth,s wife two Shirts & a pair of Stockings  
 Rec<sup>d</sup> of Josiah Hobart one pair of Shoes ~ he wou<sup>d</sup> be glad to  
 take them again  
 Rec<sup>d</sup> of Obadiah Jenkins, one pair of Stockins  
 Rec<sup>d</sup> of Benj<sup>s</sup> Page one Shirt & two pair of Stockins  
 Rec<sup>d</sup> of Benj<sup>s</sup> Davis one Shirt  
 Rec<sup>d</sup> of D<sup>n</sup> Bancroft one pair of Shoes  
 Rec<sup>d</sup> of Abel Bancroft one pair of Shoes  
 Rec<sup>d</sup> of m<sup>r</sup> Swan a pair of Shoes & a pair of Stockings  
 James Woods has Left A Shirt & pair of Stockings at Col: Prescotts

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Col: Prescott Provides one pair of Stockings

Jon<sup>t</sup> Lawrence has a pair of Stockings we may have if we want

7 Pair Stockins

17 pair Shoes

25 Shirts

[Indorsed] Cloathing Acc<sup>t</sup>

	Shoes	Stockins	Shirts
Amos adams		1	
Zac <sup>h</sup> Fitch	1		
Oliver Shed	1		
m <sup>t</sup> Lewis	3		
Sam <sup>n</sup> Gragg	1	2	
Sam <sup>n</sup> Dane	1		
Lemuel Parker		1	
Daniel Woods		1	
Ezekel Fletcher		1	
Nehemiah holden	1	3	1
	8	9	1

	Shoes	Stock	Shirts
Benj <sup>a</sup> Worster	1		
James Sanders	1		
W <sup>m</sup> Shed	1		
Jason Williams	1		
Cap <sup>t</sup> Shatuck		5	
John Gragg			7
Cap <sup>t</sup> Shipley Lieu <sup>t</sup> Benj <sup>a</sup> Lawrance		3	
L <sup>t</sup> John Woods		1	
David Woods		1	
Moses Child	3		
W <sup>m</sup> Derumple		1	
Cap <sup>t</sup> Asa Lawrance	1		

April y<sup>e</sup> 29: 1778

an account of all that was Brought in To the Select men Before  
this Day all the Above Acc<sup>t</sup> Paid by orders &c

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	Shoes	Stockens	Shirts
Cap <sup>t</sup> Amos Lawrance	1	1	
Lieu <sup>t</sup> Amos Lawrance	8	1	
Lieu <sup>t</sup> Sam <sup>l</sup> Lawrance	1		
Nehemiah Lawrance	1		
Sam <sup>l</sup> Rockwood	1		
Solomon Cooper		1	
m <sup>r</sup> Wyman		1	1
wido hartwell		1	
Timothy Moors			2
Joseph Moors	1		10
Benj <sup>a</sup> Stone		1	6
Jon <sup>s</sup> Tarbell			6
Nathan hubbart	1		
Th <sup>o</sup> hobart	1		
John Park	1		
Ep <sup>h</sup> Russell Jun <sup>r</sup>	1		
Amos Farnsworth		1	
Rec <sup>d</sup> of Joseph Allen	1		
35 : 35 : 42	18	7	25
4 8 7	17	28	17
39 : 43 49	35	35	42

Shoes	Stock	Shirts
56	56	56
39	43	49
17	13	7
14	= 11	= 7
	1	
14	10	= 7
1		
13	: 10	7
8	9	1
5	: 1	: 6

[Indorsed] Cloathing Acc<sup>t</sup>

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	Shirts	pairs of Stockings	pairs of Shoes		Shirts	Stockings	Shoes
Benjamin Stone	6	1		Eph <sup>m</sup> Ward	1		
W <sup>m</sup> Nuting	1	1		L <sup>t</sup> Amos Lawrance		1	1
John Park			1	Eph <sup>m</sup> Russell Jun <sup>r</sup>			1
Amos Farnsworth		1		Joseph Moors	4	1	1
Caleb Woods		1	1	Ezekel fletcher		1	
Benj <sup>a</sup> Bancroft Jun <sup>r</sup>	1	1	1	Elisha Rockwood		2	1
Amos Ames		1		Sam <sup>n</sup> Rockwood			1
Obediah Jinkens		1		Nathan hubart			1
Cap <sup>t</sup> Henery Farwell		2		Th <sup>o</sup> hobart			1
Amos Adams		1		Col <sup>o</sup> Satwell	1	1	1
Nehemiah Lawrance	2		1	wido Patch		2	
W <sup>m</sup> Swan		1	1	Benj <sup>a</sup> Page	1	2	
Zac <sup>h</sup> Fitch			1	Rebeck Satwell		1	
L <sup>t</sup> Wate			1	John Tarbell	2	2	2
Th <sup>o</sup> Farwell	1			Th <sup>o</sup> Bennet			1
Richard Satwell		1	1	Paul Fletcher			1
L <sup>t</sup> Solomon Woods	2		2	Timothy Moors	2		
L <sup>t</sup> Sam <sup>n</sup> Lawranc			1	Joel Stone of haruard	3		
Oliver Shed			1	Solomon Cooper		1	
Abel Bancroft			1	John Dudley	1		
Enoch Cook		1	1	John Gragg	7		
L <sup>t</sup> Joseph Rockwood	2	1		Cap <sup>t</sup> Jobe Shattuck		5	
W <sup>m</sup> Derumple		1		Benj <sup>a</sup> Worster			1
Jon <sup>a</sup> Lawrance			1	James Sanders			1
L <sup>t</sup> Lawrance & Cp <sup>t</sup> Shiply		3		L <sup>t</sup> John Woods		1	
m <sup>n</sup> Lewis			3	David woods		1	
hezekiah Keemp		1		W <sup>m</sup> Shed			1
Oliver Blood	3	3		John French woods		1	
Conuers Richardson	2			Jason Williams			1
Sam <sup>n</sup> Gragg	2		1	Moses Child	6		2
Benj <sup>a</sup> Davis	1			Jon <sup>a</sup> Tarbell	6		
Sam <sup>n</sup> Dana			1	Nehemiah holden	1	3	1



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	Shirts	pairs of Stockings	pairs of Shoes				
Lemuel Parker		1					
Cap <sup>t</sup> asa Lawrance			1				
Joseph Allen			1				
m <sup>r</sup> Wyman		1	1			Shoes	Stockens
Josiah hubart			1	Moses Child	3		Shirts
Danil Woods		1					
James woods		1	1				

[Indorsed] Cloathing Acc<sup>t</sup>

	Shoes	Stockings	Shirts		Shoes	Stock	Shirts
				Jon <sup>a</sup> Lawrance	1		
				D <sup>n</sup> Isaac Farnsworth		1	2
Benj <sup>a</sup> Worster	1			Josiah hubart	1		
James Sanders	1			Obadiah Jinkens		1	
W <sup>m</sup> Shed	1			Benj <sup>a</sup> Page		2	1
Jason Williams	1			Benj <sup>a</sup> Davis			1
Cap <sup>t</sup> Shatuck		5		D <sup>n</sup> Bancroft	1		
John Gragg			7	Abel Bancroft	1		
L <sup>t</sup> Lawrance and Benj <sup>a</sup>				W <sup>m</sup> Swan	1	1	
Shiply			3	John Tarbell	2	3	2
	4	8	7	L <sup>t</sup> Satwell		1	
				Richard Satwell	1	1	
				W <sup>m</sup> Boosh		1	
Caleb woods	1	1		L <sup>t</sup> Rockwood	1	3	
Leiu <sup>t</sup> Solomon woods	2		2	Tho <sup>e</sup> Binnet	1		
Hezekiah Keemp		1		Joseph Rockwood		1	1
Cap <sup>t</sup> henery Farwell		2		Sam <sup>ll</sup> Rockwood		1	
Leiu <sup>t</sup> Wait	1			Paul Fletcher	1		

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	Shoes Stock Shirts		Shoes Stock Shirts
Col <sup>o</sup> Satwell	I    I    I	James Woods	I    I
W <sup>m</sup> Nutting	I    I	Col <sup>o</sup> Prescott	<u>I</u>
Amos Ames	I		17 : 28 : 17
Oliver Blood	3    I		
Oliver Blood Jun <sup>r</sup>	2		
Th <sup>o</sup> Farwell	2		
Enoch Cook	I		

April y<sup>e</sup> 29

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this Day

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This List made May 4 <sup>th</sup> 1778	Shirts	Shoes	Stockings		£	s	D
Caleb Woods		1	1	paid by an order in full	3	0	0
L <sup>d</sup> Solomon Woods	2	2		Paid By order Delivered to m <sup>r</sup> Caleb woods	6	16	
Hezekiah kemp			1	Paid By order	1	4	0
Cap <sup>t</sup> Henry Farwell			2	Paid By order	2	8	0
L <sup>d</sup> Phinehas Wait		1		paid by order in full	1	16	0
Col: Sartell	1	1	1	Pad by order	4	12	0
William Nutting	1		1	paid by order	2	16	0
Oliver Blood	1		3	Paid By order	5	4	0
Oliver Blood j <sup>r</sup>	2			Paid By order	3	4	0
Thomas Farwell	2			Paid By order	3	4	0
Enoch Cook			1	Paid By order	1	4	0
Jon <sup>s</sup> Lawrence		1		Paid By order	1	16	0
Isaac Farnsworth	7		1	Paid By order £4=8:0 p <sup>d</sup> Cash by D <sup>r</sup> Prescott as by Receipt £8.0.0	12	8	0
Obadiah Jenkins			1	Paid By order	1	4	0
Benj <sup>a</sup> Page	1		2	Paid By order	4	0	0

	Shirts	Shoes	Stockings		£	S	D
Benj <sup>s</sup> Davis	1			Paid By order	1	12	0
D <sup>s</sup> Bancroft		1		Paid By order	1	16	0
Abel Bancroft		1		Paid By order	1	16	0
Will <sup>m</sup> Swan		1	1	Paid By order	3	0	0
James Woods		1	1	Paid By order	3	0	0
Col: Prescott			1	Paid By order	1	4	0
Cap <sup>t</sup> Amos Lawrence		1		Paid By order	1	16	0
L <sup>t</sup> Amos Lawrence	8	1		Paid By order	15	12	0
L <sup>t</sup> Sam <sup>l</sup> Lawrence		1		Paid By order	1	16	0
Sam <sup>l</sup> Rockwood		1	1	Paid By order	3	0	0
Solomon Cooper			1	Paid By order	1	4	0
Asahel Wyman	1		1	Paid By order	2	16	0
Wid <sup>s</sup> Hartwell			1		1	4	0
Timothy moors	2			Paid By Cash	3	4	0
Cap <sup>t</sup> Jo <sup>s</sup> moors	10	1		two of Cap <sup>t</sup> moors's Shirts he has taken out for D <sup>n</sup> Longley Returned in agane	17	16	0
Benj <sup>s</sup> Stone	6		1	Paid By Cash	10	16	0
Jon <sup>t</sup> Tarbell	6			Paid By Cash	9	12	0
Nathan Hubburd		1		Paid Cash	1	16	0
Tho <sup>s</sup> Hubburd		1		Paid Cash	1	16	
	43	22	24		£140	16	0
this Side	43	22	24				
Brot over	13	22	25				
Whol amount	56	44	49				

	Shirts	Shoes	Stockings		£	S	D
				Brought forward	140	16	0
John Park		1		Paid By order	1	16	0
Eph <sup>b</sup> Russell jr		1		Paid By order	1	16	0
Amos Farnsworth			1	Paid By order	1	4	0
Joseph Allen			1	Paid By Cash	1	16	0
John Tarbell	2	2	3	Paid By order	10	8	0

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	Shirts	Shoes	Stockings		£	S	D
L <sup>d</sup> Hezekiah Sawtell			1	Paid By order	1	4	0
Richard Sawtell		1	1	Paid By order	3	0	0
Will <sup>m</sup> Bush			1	paid by order in full	1	4	0
L <sup>d</sup> Elisha Rockwood		1	3	Paid By order	5	8	0
L <sup>d</sup> Jo <sup>s</sup> Rockwood			1	Paid By order	1	4	0
Tho <sup>s</sup> Bennett		1		Paid By order	1	16	0
Paul Fletcher		1		p <sup>d</sup> by Town order	1	16	0
Benj <sup>s</sup> Worcester		1		Paid By an order De- livered To Cap <sup>t</sup> Shattuck	1	16	0
James Sanders		1		Paid By order Deliv- ered To Constable woods	1	16	0
Will <sup>m</sup> Shed		1		paid by order to Cap <sup>t</sup> Shattuck	1	16	0
Jason Williams		1		Paid by order	1	16	0
Cap <sup>t</sup> Shattuck			5	paid by order	6	0	0
John Gragg	7			paid Cash	11	4	0
Sheple & Lawrence			3	Paid By order Given To Lieu <sup>t</sup> Bancroft	3	12	0
L <sup>d</sup> John Woods		1		Paid By order	1	4	0
David Woods		1		Paid By order	1	4	0
Moses Child		3		allso for one Cask £0 12 0 Paid By order	5	8	0
Will <sup>m</sup> Derumple		1		Paid By order	1	4	0
Cap <sup>t</sup> Asa Lawrence		1		Paid By order	1	16	0
Josiah Hubbart		1		Paid By order	1	16	0
Jacob Gragg	2	1		paid by order	4	0	0
Nehemiah holden	1	1	3	Paid By Cash	7	0	0
M <sup>r</sup> Lewis		2		Paid By order	3	12	0
Oliver Shed		1		Paid By order	1	16	0
Cap <sup>t</sup> Zac <sup>b</sup> Fitch		1		Paid By Town order in full	1	16	0
Amos Adams		1		paid by a Town order in full	1	4	0
					<hr/> 233 . 16 . 0		

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	Shirts	Shoes	Stockings		£	S	D
				Due to Jacob Gragg by mistake in his order Paid By order			12-0
13:23:25				total	£234	8	0
may 5 <sup>th</sup> 1778	Delivered N. Holdin	45	45	45			
may 4 <sup>th</sup>	Delivered Eleazer Ames	1	1	1			
Remains at Swans		7	2	3			
at Major Moors		2					
		55	48	49			
	12 . 24 . 26						
	43 . 24 . 23						
	55 . 48 . 49						

Due To m<sup>r</sup> John Tarbell for Cash Borrowed 18 Dolers

D<sup>ns</sup> To Joseph Moors Cash 0 : 14 : 0

[Indorsed] Cloathing Acc<sup>t</sup>

L<sup>r</sup> MOSHER S<sup>s</sup> Elezer ames is in Need of his Shurt Stockens & Shoes & we as Select men for the Town of Groton are willing To Deliver them To him your Certifying To us That you will informe his Col<sup>l</sup> that he may Not Draw them agane

GROTON may 4<sup>th</sup> 1778

ISAAC FARNSWORTH	} <i>Selectmen for Groton</i>
JOSEPH MOORS	
JOHN TARBELL	
OLIVER PRESCOTT	

GENTLEMEN A Cording to your Desire I Shall Send Elezer Ames Kapt to his Cap<sup>t</sup>

Sirs yours

JOHN MOSHER Lu<sup>r</sup>

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	Shirts	Stockings	Shoes
L <sup>t</sup> Jo <sup>s</sup> Rockwood	1	1	0
Will <sup>m</sup> Derumple		1	
Jon <sup>t</sup> Lawrence			1
Cap <sup>t</sup> Sheple 2 <sup>lb</sup> of wool			
m <sup>r</sup> Lewis			3
Hezekiah Kemp		1	
Oliver Blood		2	
Converse Richardson	2		
L <sup>t</sup> Benj <sup>t</sup> Lawrence Sein <sup>er</sup> } to make up Cap <sup>t</sup> Sheples } wool into Stockens }			
Sam <sup>l</sup> Gragg	2		1
Benj <sup>t</sup> Davis	1		
m <sup>t</sup> Sam <sup>l</sup> Dana			1
Lem <sup>el</sup> Parker		1	
	6	6	6

	Shurts	Stockings	Shoes
moors	3	3	3
Child	6		

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2 = 10 . 0

33 = 10 : 0

£41 0. 8 : 0

1 19 0 0  
Cred 1 = 4-9-0  
14 3 0  
0 18 = 0  
14 3  
3 : 9

Benj <sup>a</sup> Stone	1 shirt
W <sup>m</sup> Nutting	1 D <sup>o</sup>
Jn <sup>o</sup> Park	1 p <sup>t</sup> Shoes
Amos Farnsworth	1 p <sup>t</sup> Stockings
Caleb Woods	1 p <sup>t</sup> Shoes 1 p <sup>t</sup> Stockings
Benj <sup>s</sup> Bancroft ju <sup>r</sup>	1 p <sup>t</sup> Sh p <sup>r</sup> Stock Shirt
Amos Ames	1 p <sup>t</sup> Shoes

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Obad Jenkins	1 p <sup>r</sup> Stockings		
Cap <sup>t</sup> Henry Farwell	2 p <sup>r</sup> Stockings		
Sam <sup>l</sup> Lawrance	2 Shirts	Stock	Shoes
	5	6	4
Amos Adams		1	
Neh Lawrance		2	
W <sup>m</sup> Swan		1	1
Zach Fitch			1
L <sup>s</sup> Wait			1
Tho <sup>s</sup> Farwell	1		
Rich <sup>d</sup> Sawtell			1
L <sup>s</sup> Sol. Woods	2		2
L <sup>s</sup> Sam <sup>l</sup> Lawrance			1
Benj Stone more	5	1	
Oliver Shead			1
Abel Bancroft			1
Enoch Cook		1	1
	13 :	12 :	14

Shurts	Stockings	Shoes				
13 :	12 :	14	56	56	56	56 : 14
2	6	8	19	24	28	Wh <sup>c</sup>
6	6	6				Lawfull
			37	32	28	mony
19	24	28	13			
			—			
			24			

wanting

widd<sup>o</sup> Mary hartwell one pair of Stockings  
 Neh<sup>m</sup> holden Two pair of Stockings  
 Isaac Farnsworth 2 Shirts one pair of Stockings

750	1 = 15 = 8 = 2	6 : 11 : 3
375	1 18 1 3	4 1 2
1125	3 : 13 = 10 = 1	16 11 0
		10 1 3
		1 : 18 0 3

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Cap <sup>t</sup> Asa	£ 7 . 9 . 5
Smith	40
milage	9
D <sup>o</sup>	43 5 8
milage	3 0 0
Allen	33 15 0
	<u>£136 . 10 . 1</u>

D<sup>n</sup> Bancroft Feb<sup>y</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> 1778 Gave him an order for the above sum

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### *State of the Massachusetts Bay To the Selectmen of the Town of Groton D<sup>n</sup>*

To Cloathing delivered to Cap<sup>t</sup> Joseph Hosmer for the Continental Army, agreeable to the Resolves of the General Court June 16<sup>th</sup> 1778.

To 39 Shirts @ 48/	£93 . 12 . 0
To 15 pairs of Stockings @ 30/	22 - 10 - 0
To 39 pairs of Shoes @ 48/	93 - 12 - 0
GROTON Dec <sup>r</sup> 21 <sup>th</sup> 1778	Total <u>£209 . 14 . 0</u>

In the name of the Selectmen  
OLIVER PRESCOTT

Coppy

allowed for Transport 17 miles 3/	2 - 11 - 0
	<u>£212 . 5 - 0</u>

Jan<sup>y</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> 1779

Examined & allowed

COM<sup>TEE</sup>



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*State of the Massachusetts Bay To the Selectmen of the Town of  
Groton D<sup>s</sup>*

To Sundry articles of Cloathing delivered Captain Joseph Hosmer for the Continental Army agreeable to a Resolve of the Gen<sup>l</sup> Court 16<sup>th</sup> June 1778

To 39 Shirts @ 40/	£ 78 . 0 . 0
To 15 pair of Stockings @ 30/	22 - 10 - 2
To 39 pairs of Shoes @ 48/	93 - 12 - 0
Total	£ 194 . 2 . 0

GROTON Dec<sup>r</sup> 21<sup>st</sup> 1778.

} *Selectmen for  
Groton*

[Indorsed] Bay State D<sup>r</sup> to Groton

Cothing provided for  
the Soldiers agreeable  
to an order of the  
General Court passed  
June 16<sup>th</sup> 1778

	No: of Shirts	No of pairs Stockings	No of pairs shoes		£	S	D
Nathan Hubbard			8	p <sup>d</sup> Nathan Hubbard by L <sup>t</sup> A Lawrance			
					72		Dollars
Solomon Cooper	1	1		Paid By Town order	2	14	0
Wid <sup>o</sup> Esther Lamson	1	1		Paid By Town order	2	14	0
Wid <sup>o</sup> Esther Wait	2			P <sup>d</sup> By Town order	3	12	0
Isaac Farnsworth	6	1		p <sup>d</sup> d <sup>n</sup> Farnsworth in full			
					42		Dollars
Cap <sup>t</sup> Fitch	1	6		N. B. Special agreement Dec <sup>r</sup> 17 <sup>th</sup> 1779 P <sup>d</sup> by order			
					54		Dollars
Maj <sup>r</sup> Moors	9	3	12	6 pair Shoes Sence p <sup>d</sup> maj <sup>r</sup> moors in full	213		dollars

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Cap <sup>t</sup> Shattuck	4	5	8	Paid Cap <sup>t</sup> Shattuck 121 Dol-
				lars in full for all the cloath-
				ing he found — Josiah Lakin <sup>s</sup>
				Stockings and the shoes
				Called 9 Dollars a pair—
John Tarbell	7	6	3	p <sup>d</sup> Jn <sup>s</sup> Tarbell by L <sup>t</sup> Bancroft
				99 Dollars
				June 7 <sup>th</sup> Paid Jn <sup>s</sup> Tarbell 8 <sup>s</sup> /
				in full for Clothing
In the Store	8	2	2	
Total	39	15	39	

Nov <sup>r</sup> 21 <sup>st</sup> 1778				
David Woods	1			Paid By Town order £1 . 10 . 0
June y <sup>e</sup> 7. 1779				Paid Joseph moors for one pair of
				Stockings By order which was
				forgot to Be Sot Down
Dec <sup>r</sup> 21 <sup>st</sup> 1778				Agreed to pay five Dollars for each
				pairs of Stockings and Six Dollars
				for each shirt
June 7 <sup>th</sup> 1779				Paid Phinehas Hubbud by order
				for two Pair of Shoes forgot to be
				Set Down £5 : 0 : 0
253	60			
	15	18	0	
	75	18	0	
	1	2	0	
	77	0	0	

[Indorsed] Clothing for the Army Acc<sup>t</sup>

Feb <sup>r</sup> 15 <sup>th</sup> 1779	Clothing Rec <sup>d</sup> for the Soldiers	
of m <sup>r</sup> John Stone two tow Shirts		£ 3 = 12 = 0
of Eph <sup>m</sup> Russell Jun <sup>r</sup> Eleven pair of Shoes		29 = 14 = 0
also two pair of Stockings		3 = 0 = 0
of the wid <sup>d</sup> Colier two pair of Stockings		3 = 0 = 0

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of maj<sup>r</sup> moors eight pair of Shoes & one pair of

Stockings

of Josiah Lakins wife five pair of Stockings

7 = 10 = 20

of John Tarbell ten pair of Stockings

15 = 0 = 0

also two tow Shirts

3 = 12 = 0

of Benj<sup>a</sup> Page one pair of Stockings

1 = 10 = 0

one pair of Stockings of David Woods,s which was

brought in before & enter<sup>d</sup> on another List

the Within is all Paid

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We hereby acknowledge ourselves to be inlisted into the Continental Army agreeable to the Resolves of the Great and General Court of the 20<sup>th</sup> April last for Raising Two Thousand men to reinforce General Washington &c and promise to serve in s<sup>d</sup> Army accordingly as one of the men assigned the Town of Groton for that purpose and to sign any other proper inlistment therefor, if required

witness our hand this 11<sup>th</sup> may 1778

SIMEON FOSTER

JOHN SHEPLE J<sup>r</sup>

SHATTUCK BLOOD J<sup>r</sup>

Jan<sup>x</sup> 18<sup>th</sup> 1779

this Day Rec<sup>d</sup> of the Towns money the sum of £ 19 = 2 = 0

The State Treasurer,s order on Constable Wait £ 212 = 5

Rec<sup>d</sup> £ 159 in part

Rec<sup>d</sup> 53 - 5

212 - 5

[Indorsed] Pay

Benj<sup>a</sup> Beels of Ringe in y<sup>e</sup> State of New hamshire & Anna Lawrence of Groton enter<sup>d</sup> Jan<sup>x</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> 1779

Without doubt this is a publishment, as the couple were married on May 11, 1779.

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The wid<sup>e</sup> Mary Hartwell of Groton Testifies & saith that her Son Edmund Farnsworth went & lived with a man at acton and was to have been bound as an apprentice if he had liked his place ; but being Discortented, he inlisted into the army in the Sixteenth year of his age, upon which his master never paid him any wages and withheld his Cloathing — That he served as a Soldier in Cap<sup>t</sup> Moors Comp<sup>y</sup> and went to York ; after his return from York came to Groton and lived with the Dopenent all winter and on the 17<sup>th</sup> of march 1777, inlisted into the Continental army for during the Warr & received his Bounty from Groton and lived with her untill he marched again.

mid<sup>x</sup> ss. June 24<sup>th</sup> 1778.

her  
MARY X HARTWELL  
mark

The abovenamed Mary Hartwell made oath to the Truth of the above Deposition by her subscribed: before

OLIVER PRESCOTT *Just Peace*

This Certifies that the Selectmen of Groton informed me that they numbered Edmund Farnsworth for Groton

June 24<sup>th</sup> 1778.

OLIVER PRESCOTT

the  
CHARY VALEY September 11 1778

this may Sartify that We the Subscribers haue inlisted ouer Selues into the Continentel Seruis for three year and Do heare by Engaig to Serue for the town of Groten or aney other town or Parson and Do hearby impouer Cap<sup>t</sup> Liu<sup>t</sup> Jonas Parker to Receiu the towns bountey for Eaich of us

as Witness our hands

his  
YOCHAM X VANALLSTINE  
mark

Test PETER WRIGHT

his  
ANDREW X STRANDER  
mark

CHERRY UALLY Oc<sup>r</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> 1778

These are to sartify, that Youghem vanalstine in Colon<sup>l</sup> Aldens Reg<sup>t</sup> hase apered before me this Day, and hes taken the oath of fidelity to the State ; according to to [*sic*] regulation of the Congress, to qualify them for a Soldier

WILL<sup>m</sup> JOHNSTON *Justice*

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CHERRY UALLY Oc<sup>r</sup> 1778

These may sartify that Andr<sup>w</sup> astrander now in Colon<sup>l</sup> Alden's Reg<sup>t</sup> has apper'd before me, and has qualified by Oath, according to the Acts of Congress, in order to qualify him for a soldier in the Continental Army

WILL<sup>m</sup> JOHNSTON *Justice of the Peace*

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CHERRY VALLEY 30<sup>th</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup> 1778

this sertifys that I have Musterd Yocham V<sup>n</sup> Alstine and Andrew O'Strander for Cap<sup>t</sup> L<sup>t</sup> Parker as Soldiers in the Continittal Service in the late Col<sup>o</sup> Aldens Battallion

RICHARD LASH *D. C Muster northern Department*

FORT ALDEN 28<sup>th</sup> March 1779

I do hereby Certify that the within Mentioned Richard Lash is A Dep<sup>y</sup> Continettal Muster Master for the Northern Department

D WHITING *Maj<sup>r</sup> Comm<sup>d</sup>*

these Men are ingaiged For three years

JONAS PARKER *Cap<sup>t</sup> L<sup>t</sup>*

A true Copbey D<sup>o</sup>

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May 31<sup>st</sup> 1779. Rec<sup>d</sup> of Oliver Prescott Esq<sup>r</sup> Two Hundred pounds Lawfull mony, in full Satisfaction for a Towns Bounty for two Soldiers viz Andrew astrander & Yocham Vanallstine inlisted into the Continental Army for three years from Nov<sup>r</sup> 1778. and are Soldiers in late Col<sup>o</sup> Alden's Reg<sup>t</sup>

£ 200

JONAS PARKER *Cap<sup>t</sup> L<sup>t</sup>*

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Ducal M<sup>c</sup>Kenzy—born in Don Robin Southerlinshire aged 25 years Jan<sup>y</sup> last — L<sup>t</sup> Col<sup>o</sup> Campbell 71<sup>st</sup> Regt 5 feet 3 Inches John Creige —born in Balereif in the Parish of Aberleddy in the County East Loudon — aged 25 — L<sup>t</sup> Col<sup>o</sup> Campbell 71<sup>st</sup> Regt — 5 feet 6 ½ Inches

Peter Hooy born in the City of Edinburg and Parish of West Kirk—in mid Loudon —aged 19 years — Lt Col<sup>o</sup> Campbell 71<sup>st</sup> Regt. — 5 feet 10 Inches

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M<sup>rs</sup> Gordon D<sup>r</sup>  
To Journeys and med<sup>s</sup> in the Family fro  
Balenerif Aberledy

See page 142 for an account of the capture of these Scotchmen who were taken on the "George." Perhaps these men afterward re-enlisted on the side of the Americans. Sir Archibald Campbell was the Lieutenant Colonel of the second battalion of the 71st Regiment of Highlanders. Robert Campbell, mentioned below, was a prisoner of war. See pages 149, 150, for several allusions to him and his wife.

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Names	Reg <sup>tm</sup>	Company	Statuer Feet Inches
Robert Campbell	Col <sup>o</sup> Campbell	Cap <sup>t</sup> Loring Campbell	5 / 10
age	Complection	Where Born	artificial mark
40	Light	Parish of Kenmore	

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BOSTON Feb<sup>y</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> 1779

Rece<sup>d</sup> of the Town Treasurer of Groton by the hand of the Hon<sup>le</sup> Oliuer Prescott Esq<sup>r</sup> a note of hand for one Hund<sup>d</sup> & forty pound payable in one year with Interest as a Bounty from S<sup>d</sup> Town of Groton to John M<sup>c</sup>Gee a Soldier Enlisted During the War in Colo<sup>l</sup> James Wessons Regement

✂ B WHITE

BROOKLINE Feb<sup>y</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> 1779

This may Certifie that John Ma<sup>c</sup>Gee is a Soldier in my Regiment & Enlisted during the War & is Returned for no Town in the State & at liberty to be Returned for y<sup>e</sup> Town of Groton;

JAMES WESSON

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GROTON August y<sup>e</sup> 24: 1779

then R<sup>d</sup> of Jonathan Stone one Bushel of Rye for the Use of my family

J<sup>r</sup> JEMIMA LONGLEY

[Indorsed] D<sup>n</sup> Longleys wife Rec<sup>t</sup>

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The Town of Groton D<sup>r</sup> for three Day I spent in hireing men for the Contanental Army & Rhod Island Service £ 7 : 4 : 0

AMOS LAWRANCE JU<sup>r</sup>

GROTON Oct 4<sup>d</sup> 1779

Paid by order

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STATE OF }  
MASS<sup>a</sup> BAY } IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Jan<sup>y</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> 1780

Resolved That Joseph Hosmer Esq<sup>r</sup> be, and he is hereby directed forthwith to remove all the Powder in the magazine at Groton to the following Towns, Viz<sup>t</sup> one third of it to Concord, one third to Bilrica & one third to Woburn, to be Delivered into the Care of the Selectmen of said Towns he taking their receipt therefor, which he is directed to lodge with the Board of War, and as soon as said Powder is removed that the Guards now doing duty at said Magazine in Groton be discharged from any further service there, and that said Joseph Hosmer Esq lay his Account of the Expence of Removing the same before the Committee on Accounts for allowance & payment

Sent up for Concurrence

JOHN HANCOCK Spk<sup>r</sup>

In Council January 13<sup>th</sup> 1780

Read & Concurred

JOHN AVERY D S<sup>r</sup>

Consented to by the Major Part of the Council

True Copy

Attest

JOHN AVERY D S<sup>r</sup>

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Copy of y<sup>e</sup> Pay roll for y<sup>e</sup> six months men

	whole amount of pay	
Levi Lawrance	£ 11 = 15 - 8	
Richard Holden	11 = 6 = 8	
Job Shattuck Ju <sup>r</sup>	13 = 4 - 0	
Moses Ames	12 = 5 - 0	
Peter Stevens Ju <sup>r</sup>	13 = 1 = 4	
John Trowbridge J <sup>r</sup>	13 = 1 = 4	
Ephraim Stone	13 = 1 = 4	
Eben <sup>r</sup> Tarbell	13 = 1 = 4	
Eben <sup>r</sup> Farnsworth J <sup>r</sup>	10 = 14 = 8	
Thad. Bancroft	9 = 10 = 8	
Sal. Whitney	13 = 1 = 4	
Benj <sup>a</sup> Moors	10 = 12 : 0	
John Gragg Ju <sup>r</sup>		July 8 <sup>th</sup>
Roger Lawrance	11 = 1 = 4	
Nath <sup>l</sup> Blanchard	13 = 1 = 4	
Ezekiel Porter	13 = 1 = 4	
Will <sup>m</sup> Farwell J <sup>r</sup>	13 = 1 = 4	
Benj <sup>a</sup> Tarbell J <sup>r</sup>	9 = 14 - 8	
Sam: Parker	12 = 16 = 0	
Daniel Fletcher	13 = 1 = 4	
Sam. Blood	13 = 1 = 4	
Charls <sup>n</sup> Edes	10 = 14 = 8	
Simeon Lakin	9 - 14 = 8	
	<hr/>	
	£ 264 = 1 = 4	

[Indorsed] Pay Roll for 6 months men Copy of the Pay Roll for the 6 months men in the year 1780

GROTON May 9<sup>th</sup> 1782

Rec<sup>d</sup> of the Select-men of the Town of Groton, a Rec<sup>d</sup> of one Hundred & Sixty four Pound one Shillings & four pence — Sign<sup>d</sup> by Henry Gardner Esq<sup>r</sup> Treas<sup>r</sup> for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, as Part of the Specie Tax for the year 1781. Which sum I the Subscriber Promis to pay to the Persons who were Soldiers, in the Continental Army Six months in the year 1780, for the Town



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of Groton, a Schedule of whose Names & the Several sums they are Respectively to Receive. I Also have Rec<sup>d</sup> from said Select-men. as Witness my hand

Atest

JONAS STONE

JOSEPH MOORS

[Indorsed] Jonas Stones Rec<sup>d</sup> to Select-men for Soldiers Pay 6 months

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Charlston Eads Soldier in the Lieu<sup>t</sup> Col<sup>o</sup> Company In the 15<sup>th</sup> Massachusetts Regiment having Sarvd Five months and Two days is hearby Dischargd from Said Regiment agreeable to General Orders of Yesterday

Given under my hand at Westpoint  
this third day of December 1780

TIM<sup>o</sup> BIGELOW Col.

DANB<sup>y</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> 11. 1780 Issued Four Days Provisions

THO<sup>s</sup> PRATT A C I

LITCHFIELD Dec<sup>r</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> 1780 Sarv<sup>d</sup> the Within with three days Rations

J WHITE A C I

Servd with three day Rations Dec<sup>r</sup> 18

MOSES CHURCH A C I

GROTON march y<sup>e</sup> 21<sup>st</sup> 1781 Sir Pay my Wages to my Master Isaiah Edes and you will Oblidge yrs

Test

ISAAC FARNSWORTH

CHARLESTOWN <sup>His</sup> X EDDES  
mark

The initial letters "A C I," as given in this paper, stand for Assistant Commissary of Issues.

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Samuel Blood Soldier in The 5<sup>th</sup> Mass<sup>es</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> Light Infantry Company has Not Drawn Any Blankett from The Publick

W: BANCROFT Ens<sup>o</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> Mass<sup>es</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup>

WEST POINT Jan<sup>y</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> 1781

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Ebenezer Farnsworth Soldier In the 15<sup>th</sup> Massachusetts Regiment, Having Served Four Months and Twenty Five Days, is hereby Discharged From Said Regiment. Agreeable to General orders of The Second Instant

Givin under my Hand in Garrison At West Point this Forth Day of Decem<sup>r</sup> 1780

Filed off

TIM<sup>o</sup> BIGELOW Col.

Benj<sup>a</sup> Moors

Roger Lawrance

Sam<sup>l</sup> Parker                      mustered 13 July

R Lawrance    Discharged Dec<sup>r</sup> 12<sup>th</sup>

Sam<sup>l</sup> Parker    Dischared 9<sup>th</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup>

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[*Printed form.*]

**T**HIS certifieth, That *Richard holden* has served *five Months & two Days*, in the 15<sup>th</sup> Massachusetts Regiment, has conducted himself as a good and faithful Soldier, and is hereby discharged the Service.

Given under my Hand, at *West Point*  
this *twelveth* Day of *December* 1780.

TIM<sup>o</sup> BIGELOW Col.

[*Written on the back.*]    musterd 4<sup>th</sup> July 1780

Eph<sup>m</sup> Stone

Eben<sup>r</sup> Tarbell

Levi Lawrence

W<sup>m</sup> Farnsworth

Salamon Whitney

Moses Ames

Jn<sup>o</sup> Trowbridge

Peter Stevens

Filled off

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Levi Lawrance Soldier in the 15th Mass<sup>ts</sup> Regiment Having served Five Month and Eight Days (is agreeable to the Gen<sup>l</sup> orders) Hereby Discharged the service

Given under My Hand at West Point,

This Eighteenth Day of December. 1780

SILVANUS SMITH *Cap<sup>t</sup> Comd<sup>t</sup> 15 Mass<sup>ts</sup> regiment*

Issuing Commiss<sup>y</sup> at servral Post are Requested To Furnish the Within Named soldier with Provision To Carri him to Groton In the Mass<sup>ts</sup> state

WEST POINT 18<sup>th</sup> December 1780

SILVANUS SMITH *Cap<sup>t</sup> Commd<sup>t</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> Mass<sup>ts</sup> regiment*

this Certifies that the Within Discharg<sup>d</sup> Soldier has Drew Provision to Include the Nineteenth Instant

SETH HAMLIN *A. C. Issues*

WEST POINT Dec<sup>r</sup> 19

Issued three days Rations

Dec<sup>r</sup> 21

J WHITE *A C I*

Decr 23 Servd with three days Rations

for Moses Church A C I

J WILLISTON

Filled off

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This Certifies that James Marrs of Groton is a Soldier in the Regiment whereof Timothy Bigelow Esq<sup>r</sup> is Colonel & is inlisted for the Town of Groton to Serve during the present Warr

HENRY HASKELL *L<sup>t</sup> Col<sup>o</sup>*

## 174 Groton during the Revolution

the Barrer hearof Benjamin Mors a six months man has sarvd  
as a good solder in the 15 massachusett Rig<sup>t</sup> is Discharged from  
the sarvis of the United States

Given under my hand at fishkill the 5 Day of December 1780  
J BAILEY Col<sup>r</sup> Comm<sup>d</sup>

[*torn*] for B Storer Esq<sup>r</sup> *A C Issues.*

FISHKILL Dec<sup>r</sup> 5<sup>th</sup>

Serv<sup>d</sup> with three days Rations

For John White A C I

D WHITE

Dcr 10 Servd with three days Rations

MOSES CHURCH A C I

Filed off

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This may Certify that Jobe Shattuck of the L<sup>t</sup> Col<sup>o</sup> Compy  
Has not recd any Blanket of the Public—neither has he Rec<sup>d</sup>  
any wages as yet

JOHN WARREN Ens<sup>a</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> Massa<sup>ts</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup>

WEST POINT January 1<sup>st</sup> 1781

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This Certifies that Ephraim Stone Soldier in a Mast<sup>ts</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup>  
Commanded by Colonel R Putnam Has not Reciv<sup>d</sup> any Blanket  
from the Public

DANIEL SIMONDS Ens<sup>a</sup>

WEST POINT Jan<sup>y</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> 1781

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Epharim Stone Soldier in a Mast<sup>ts</sup> Regiment Commanded by  
Colonel R. Putnam having Served Six Months it being the full  
term of his Inlistment is Dischargd the Service

Given Under my hand at

West Point Jan<sup>y</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> 1781

EZRA NEWHALL L<sup>t</sup> Col<sup>d</sup> Cd<sup>t</sup>

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Issuing Commissaries at the Several Posts are Requested to furnish the above Named Soldier With Provision Sufficient to Carry him to Groton Mastt<sup>s</sup> State

EZRA NEWHALL *L' Col<sup>d</sup> Cd'*

WEST POINT 9<sup>th</sup> 1781

Filed off

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This may Certify That Benjamin Tarbell Soldier in the 15<sup>th</sup> Mass<sup>ts</sup> Regement has Not Drawn Any Blankett from the Publick

W. BANCROFT, *Ens<sup>n</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> Mass<sup>n</sup> Reg'*

TOTWAY Nov<sup>r</sup> 19<sup>th</sup> 1780

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This Certifies that Eben<sup>r</sup> Tarbell Soldier in a Mast<sup>s</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> Commanded by Colonel R. Putnam Has not Reciv<sup>d</sup> any Blanket from the Public

DANIEL SIMONDS *Ens<sup>n</sup>*

WEST POINT Jan<sup>y</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> 1781

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Eben<sup>r</sup> Tarbell Soldier in a Mast<sup>s</sup> Regiment Commanded by Colonel R. Putnam having Served Six Months it being the full term of his Inlistment is Discharg<sup>d</sup> the Service.

Given Under my hand at

West Point. Jan<sup>y</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> 1781

EZRA NEWHALL *L' Col<sup>d</sup> Cd'*

Issuing Commissaries at the Several Posts are Requested to furnish the above Named Soldier With Provision Sufficient to Carry him to Groton Mast<sup>s</sup> State.

WEST POINT Jan<sup>y</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> 1781

EZRA NEWHALL *L' Col<sup>d</sup> Cd'*

Filed off

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John Trowbridge A Drumer of A Mass<sup>n</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> Commanded by Colo Rufus Putnam has served six Months as A good soldier & is hearby Discharged the servis of the United States

Given Under My hand at Head Quarters

West Point Jan<sup>y</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> 1781

EZRA NEWHALL *L' Col<sup>d</sup> Cd'*

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This is to Request all Issuing Comss<sup>rs</sup> on the Road at the several Posts to sarve the Above Soldier with Provision Sufficient to Carry him to Groton in the Mass<sup>us</sup> State

EZRA NEWHALL *L' Col' Cd'*

WEST POINT 9<sup>th</sup> Jan<sup>r</sup> 1781

Filed off

Salmon Whitney Soldier in a Massachusetts Regiment Com-  
manded By Col Rufus Putnam has served six Month as a Good  
soldier and is hereby Discharged the servis

Given Under my hand at EZRA NEWHALL *L' Colo' Cd'*

West Point. 9<sup>th</sup> Jan<sup>r</sup> 1781

Filed off

### *Commonwealth of Massachusetts to the Selectmen of the Town of Groton D<sup>s</sup>*

For the Bounty or hire of Twenty one men to Serve in the Con-  
tinental Army for three years or during the war, agreeable to the  
Resolves of the General Court of December & March last, Viz:

William Tarbell	£90 " 0 " 0
Oliver Lakin Jun <sup>r</sup>	95 " 12 " 0
Ezekiel Porter	93 " 10 " 0
John Stevens	93 " 10 " 0
Moses Chase	94 " 0 " 0
Charlestown Edes	90 " 0 " 0
John Pierce	78 " 12 " 0
Harbour Farnsworth	98 " 8 " 0
Joshua Parker	91 " 4 " 0
Elijah Nutting	90 " 0 " 0
David Farwell	90 " 0 " 0
Asa White	90 " 0 " 0
Amos Dole	98 " 2 " 0
Eleazer Green Jun <sup>r</sup>	98 " 16 " 5
Joseph Bancroft	93 " 10 " 0
John Goddard	90 " 0 " 0

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Edmund Holden	90 " 0 " 0
Amos Shed	87 " 0 " 0
Benjamin Tarbell Jun <sup>r</sup>	90 " 6 " 0
Calvin Russell	93 " 0 " 0
Joseph Lakin	93 " 0 " 0

Hard money

N. B. Two of the above named men, viz<sup>t</sup> Calvin Russell & Joseph Lakin were hired & mustered in Season.

'Tis expected the said Russell will join the Army immediately the said Lakin is absconded.

GROTON 6 Nov<sup>r</sup> 1781.

COMMONWEALTH } *A return of the number of Men raised by the*  
OF MASSACHUSETTS } *Town of Groton, in the County of Middlesex,*  
*as Soldiers to serve in, or to recruit, or reinforce*  
*the armies of the United States, & the Bounties*  
*paid them for their respective services, agreeable*  
*to the requisition of the General Court, as by*  
*their Resolve dated July 11<sup>th</sup> 1783—*  
*viz. —*

	Number of Men	Bounty paid each man by the Town.			Total.		
		£	s	d	£	s	d
Eight Months at Cambrige in 1775 . .	93	5	0	0	465	0	6
Six Weeks at Ditto . . . . .	24	1	0	0	24	0	0
Two Months at Ditto. Feb. & March 1776	22	1	6	9	29	8	6
In Consequence of a Resolve June 24 <sup>th</sup> 1776	37	6	4	10	230	18	10
Ditto . . . . . Sept <sup>r</sup> 10 <sup>th</sup> 1776	20	3	11	4	71	6	8
Ditto . . . . . Nov <sup>r</sup> 30 <sup>th</sup> 1776	22	3	11	4	78	0	4
Ditto . . . . . Dec <sup>r</sup> 1 <sup>st</sup> 1776	27	8	0	6	216	13	6
Four Months at Dorchester . . . 1776	11	0	6	0	3	6	0
Three Months at Boston . . . . 1776	9	0	4	0	1	16	0
Six Months at Hull . . . . . 1776	1	2	13	6	2	13	6
By Order of Councel . . April 12 <sup>th</sup> 1777	10	0	6	0	3	0	0

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	Number of Men	Bounty paid each man by the Town.	Total.
By Resolve . . . . . April 30 <sup>th</sup> 1777	10	£ 17 . 6 . 8	£ 173 . 6 . 8
Ditto . . . . . June 14 <sup>th</sup> 1777	1	0 " 6 " 0	0 " 6 " 0
Six Months at Providence f <sup>m</sup> June 24 <sup>th</sup> 1777	17	0 " 12 " 0	10 " 4 " 0
By Resolve . . . . . August 9 <sup>th</sup> 1777	12	5 " 8 " 4	65 " 0 " 0
Ditto . . . . . August 9 <sup>th</sup> 1777	24	0 " 16 " 0	19 " 4 " 0
Ditto . . . . . Sept <sup>r</sup> 22 <sup>d</sup> 1777	38	0 " 8 " 0	15 " 4 " 0
Ditto . . . . . Feb <sup>r</sup> 7 <sup>th</sup> 1778	22	0 " 6 " 0	6 " 12 " 0
Ditto . . . . . April 18 <sup>th</sup> 1778	6	20 " 7 " 6	122 " 5 " 0
Ditto . . . . . April 20 <sup>th</sup> 1778	16	32 " 10 " 0	520 " 0 " 0
Nine Months at R. Island . . . . . 1778	7	0 " 10 " 0	3 " 10 " 0
Six Months at Ditto . . . . . 1778	6	0 " 6 " 0	1 " 16 " 0
Six Months at Cambrige . . . . . 1778	1	0 " 12 " 0	0 " 12 " 0
Months 9½ at Providence . . . . .	15	0 " 18 " 0	13 " 10 " 0
Six Weeks Ditto . . . . .	12	0 " 8 " 0	4 " 16 " 0
. . . . . at R. Island- April 8 <sup>th</sup> 1779	4	2 " 16 " 0	11 " 4 " 0
Pursuant to a Resolve . . April 27 <sup>th</sup> 1779	4	0 " 9 " 0	1 " 16 " 0
Two Months at Providence f <sup>m</sup> June 8 <sup>th</sup> 1779	8	1 " 15 " 0	13 " 0 " 0
Nine Months C Army f <sup>m</sup> June 9 <sup>th</sup> 1779	10	24 " 0 " 0	240 " 0 " 0
Agreeable to a Resolve . Sept <sup>r</sup> 17 <sup>th</sup> 1779	2	1 " 15 " 0	3 " 10 " 0
Ditto . . . . . Oct <sup>r</sup> 9 <sup>th</sup> 1779	14	5 " 0 " 0	70 " 0 " 0
To Guard Convention Troops Cambrige	4	1 " 4 " 0	4 " 16 " 0
Five Months at Providence . . . . .	2	13 " 10 " 0	27 " 0 " 0
Pursuant to a Resolve . . June 22 <sup>d</sup> 1780	26	13 " 10 " 0	351 " 0 " 0

The Sum brought over  
in hard money by the Scale } £2804 - 15 - 0

MIDDLESEX SS. GROTON Jan<sup>y</sup> 31<sup>st</sup> 1784

We have Examined the Town Books & the militia Officers Books,  
together with the best vouchers that we could obtain, & the afore-  
going is a true account according to the best of our knowlege

OLIVER PRESCOTT } *Selectmen*  
ABEL BANCROFT } *of*  
AMOS LAWRENCE J<sup>r</sup> } *Groton*



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Febr<sup>y</sup> 2<sup>d</sup> 1784

Exhibited on oath before

Israel Hobart Esq<sup>r</sup>

A Copy

[Indorsed] A Copy of the Bounties p<sup>d</sup> since the war to the Soldiers, as return<sup>d</sup> to the General Court. Febr<sup>y</sup> 1784 & the resolve Inclos<sup>d</sup>

Oct<sup>o</sup> Nov<sup>m</sup> & Dec<sup>m</sup> 1778

The Town of Groton To Abraham Moors D<sup>r</sup> for three Bushels & half of Rye at three pounds Twelue Shillings p<sup>r</sup> Bushel £ 12 : 12 : 0  
Allso one Bushel of indian Corn 2 : 8 : 0

£ 15 0 0

a true acompt

ABRAHAM MOORS

Dec<sup>r</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> 1779 p<sup>d</sup> Town order £ 15

[Indorsed] Maj<sup>r</sup> Moors Acc<sup>t</sup>

March 1779

*The Town of Groton To Joseph Moors D<sup>r</sup> for Grain Deliver To  
the wife of Zac<sup>h</sup> Longley Viz*

March 1779	D <sup>r</sup> for one Bushel of Rye	£ 3 : 12 : 0
March 1779	D <sup>r</sup> for one Bushel indian Corn	3 : 0 : 0
April 1779	D <sup>r</sup> for one Bushel indian Corn	3 12 : 0
April 1779	D <sup>r</sup> for one Bushel of Rye	4 : 10 0
May 1779	D <sup>r</sup> for one Bushel of Rye	6 : 0 : 0
May 1779	D <sup>r</sup> for one Bushel of indian Corn	4 : 10 : 0
June 1779	D <sup>r</sup> for one Bushel & peck of Rye	7 10 0
June 1779	D <sup>r</sup> For three Pecks of indian Corn	3 : 7 : 6
July 1779	D <sup>r</sup> For one Bushel of Rye	6 0 0
August 1779	D <sup>r</sup> For one Bushel of Rye	6 0 0
Sep <sup>r</sup> 1779	D <sup>r</sup> for half a bushel Corn	1 : 16 : 0
Sep <sup>r</sup> 1779	D <sup>r</sup> for 20/ pound of Beef at 4/ p <sup>r</sup> pound	4 : 0 : 0
Nov <sup>m</sup> 1779	D <sup>r</sup> for one Bushel of indian Corn	3 - 12 - 0
		57 = 9 = 6

attest

JOSEPH MOORS

Dec<sup>r</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> 1779 Paid by Town order and all but one Bushell  
Carried into the State Com<sup>te</sup> £ 3 : 15

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John Campbell Brown, mentioned below as a schoolmaster, was married on March 16, 1775, to Lucy Chase, of Groton; and for a period of nearly three years his marriage is the last one recorded in the town-book, owing, probably, to the confusion of the times.

These can Certify, by the Underwritten Subscribers, That the whole Society of the South part of the Town of Groton; did Agree with John Campbell Brown, to teach School one Month upon Trial, from the Second day of Jan<sup>y</sup> 1775. At the Expiration of which Said Month a Meeting was appointed, and the said Society met who approved of y<sup>e</sup> Government of the School and agreed with y<sup>e</sup> said John Campbell Brown for the time of Six weeks longer at four Dollars  $\frac{7}{8}$  month, at the End of ten or twelve days of y<sup>e</sup> said time, one or two of y<sup>e</sup> said Society began to be afraid of the reward becoming due to the Master at the Expiration of the time, that they should have to disburse it themselves, as such, the purport of this Instrument is to desire the Select Men to Insure the reward at the End of the time as y<sup>e</sup> majority of y<sup>e</sup> Society are very well content with y<sup>e</sup> Orders and Rules of the Present School

Subscribers	}	WILLIAM PARK JUN <sup>r</sup>
Names		BENJA FARWELL
		WILLIAM PARK
		JOHN PARK
		THOMAS PARK
		EBN <sup>r</sup> FARNSWORTH
		DANILL STONE
		JOSEPH CHASE IUNR
		JOSEPH CHASE
		EPHRAIM PARKER

M<sup>r</sup> Jn<sup>e</sup> Park Exhibited this Request, saith that Jon<sup>a</sup> Stone Isaac Stone and Nath<sup>l</sup> Stone were Content Feb<sup>y</sup> 13<sup>th</sup> 1775

*The Shays Rebellion*

The following papers relating to Shays's Rebellion were found in a wrapper which had been used as a part of the warrant for a town-meeting, held on April 2, 1787. They were included in the small parcel mentioned on page 113.

TOWN MEETING Monday 2<sup>d</sup> day of April [1787.]

1. To Choose a Governor, L<sup>d</sup> Governor, Counsellors & Senators

To Choose a Com<sup>tee</sup> to take Care of the Fish Courses

To See if the Town will abate the Highway rate of John Simonds, as borne on the late Constable Benj<sup>s</sup> Tarbell's list, and also Excuse the S<sup>d</sup> Simonds from working at highways in future untill he shall have an open road laid to his house

To See if the Town will abate the rates of Abel Farwell for 1784 Joseph Kemp for 1784 & 1785 Aaron Farnsworth for 1784 as borne on the late Constable Benj<sup>s</sup> Tarbell's lists also the rates of Jonas Blood in y<sup>e</sup> late Constable Jo<sup>s</sup> Rockwood's list for 1783

[Indorsed] Those who have taken the oath of allegiance & Deliver<sup>d</sup> up their arms &c 1787

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GROTON Jan<sup>y</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> 1787

We hereby severally acknowledge that we have received of the Selectmen of Groton the several Quantities of ammunition from the Town Stock, sett against each of our names & and are accountable therefor on Demand.

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	lb Powder	lb Lead	flints
Solomon Russell	1	1 ½	
Joseph Fitch	1	1 ½	
William Fitch	1	1 ½	
David Shattuck	1	1 ½	
Luther Russell	½	1	
David Moors	1	1 ½	
Abijah Nutting	1	1 ½	
Joseph Chase	1	1 ½	
Abel Lakin	½	1	2
Reuben Wilson	½	1	2
Joshua Parker	1	1 ½	2
Simeon Kemp	½	1	

Worcester ss.

FITCHBURG 1787.

A List of the names of those Persons belonging to the Town of Groton, who took and Subscribed the Oath of Allegiance

Before me THOS COWDIN *Jus Pacis*

Viz:

1787

Feb. 24<sup>th</sup> Amos Adams,

[Addressed] For The Town Clerk of Groton

### COMMON WEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS;

Middlesex ss,

TO THE TOWN CLARK OF THE TOWN OF GROTON IN SAID COUNTY;

SIR

This is to certify you, that the persons hereafter named, having taken a part against Government, in the late Insurrections, have voluntarily, delivered up their arms; and taken and subcribed the the [*sic*] oath of Allegience; to this common Wealth, (agreeable to an act of the General Court; passed February 16<sup>th</sup> 1787:)

before me; ISRAEL HOBART *Justice of Peace.*

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These following had as they Say  
no arms of their own but borrowed  
or lent or was other ways ading  
to wit Oliver Hartwell

John Graves Says he had  
one he carried of Samuel Gragg

William Parker  
Benjamin Parker  
Eleazer Green  
Jonathan Stevens  
Joel Kemp  
John Woods  
Sampson Prescott  
Jotham Woods  
Naum Woods  
Jacob Gragg Ju'  
Rober Ames Ju'  
David Prescott  
Jonathan Frost  
John Derumple  
Elisha Sever  
Joseph Kemp 18

Joseph Shed  
Asa Kemp  
Jonas Stone  
Ephraim Kemp  
Jonathan Blood  
Samuel Hartwell  
Ezekiel Shattuck  
David Lakin  
Nathaniel Blanchard  
James Woods  
Oliver Kemp  
Solomon Gillson  
Shattuck Blood Ju'  
Jonas Tarbell  
Oliver Fletcher Ju'  
John Blood  
Salmon Lawrence  
Oliver Woods  
Oliver Shed  
Oliver Shed Jur  
Eben Tarbell  
Joseph Frost  
Royal Blood 23

dated at Groton the 21<sup>rd</sup> day of March A D 1787

ISRAEL HOBART

[Addressed] For the Town Clerk of Groton

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HARVARD March ye 21 1787

*A return Of the names of those that Came before me that belong to  
the Town of Groton in the County of Middlesex. and took and  
subcribed the Oath of Allegiance to the Commonwealth of Massa-  
chusetts. and Delivered up their arms according to law. there  
names are as follows. Viz*

Joseph Wetherbee of Groton Blacksmith  
Ebenezer Farnsworth of Groton Laboror  
Abel Wetherbee of Groton Laboror  
Eleazer Davis of Groton Cordwainer

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Abel Morse of Groton wheelwright  
Jesse Stone of Groton Laboror  
Abel Davis Jun<sup>r</sup> of Groton a miner  
Ben<sup>r</sup> Frost of Groton a miner  
Timothy Stone of Groton a miner  
Joseph Park of Groton yeomon  
John Moore of Groton yeomon  
John park Jun<sup>r</sup> of Groton stone cutter

JOSIAH WHITNEY *Just peace*

TO THE TOWN CLERK OF GROTON

[Addressed] To M<sup>r</sup> Isaac Farnsworth Groton town Clark

[Indorsed] Justice Whitneys return put in to my hand by Jonas Stone  
Sunday April 8<sup>th</sup> 1787

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TO THE TOWN CLERK OF GROTON

SIR

I herewith Exhibit the Name of y<sup>e</sup> person in Groton who has  
taken and Subscribed the Oath of allegiance to y<sup>e</sup> Commonwealth  
of Massachusetts before me and delivered up his Arm agreeable  
to Law viz Robert Ames

EBEN<sup>r</sup> CHAMPNEY *J Pacis*

March 23 1787

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TO THE TOWN CLERK OF GROTON,

SIR,

I herewith Exhibit the names of such persons in the Town of  
Groton, as have taken & Subscribed the oath of Allegiance to this  
Commonwealth, before me, & Delivered up their arms agreeably to  
Law ; viz.

Moody Chase  
Joseph Allen  
Jacob Chase  
Jonathan Tarbell  
Thomas Tarbell  
Solomon Tarbell  
William Lawrance  
Asa Lawrance

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Abel Stevens  
Jonas Blood  
Samuel Hodgskin  
Benj<sup>a</sup> Morse  
Samuel Morse

March 23<sup>d</sup> 1787.

I am, sir, y<sup>r</sup> Humble Ser<sup>t</sup>

OLIVER PRESCOTT *Just peace*

N. B. Jonas Blood had no Gun & very poor and weak in body  
& mind

[Addressed] Town Clerk of Groton

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PEPPERRELL March 23: 1787

This may certify that Joh[n] Bowers Peter Blood Asa Blood and  
Oliver Parker of Groton have delivered up there arms and taken  
the oath of Allegiance according to Law

before me W<sup>m</sup> PRESCOTT *Justice of Peace*

[Addressed] To the Town Clerk of Groton

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July	1788 To the Gentlemen SelectMen				
	To tod 4 mugs sider 2 mugs	o	3	4	o
August 4	To liquor	o	8	9	o
August 11	To 4 mugs of tod 2 mug of cider	o	3	5	o
Septemb <sup>er</sup> 1	To Flip tod and brandy	o	7	2	o
Sept 6	To 4 mugs of flip 1 half-pint of brandy	o	3	8	o
Sept 15	To 4 mugs of flip	o	3	o	o
	To tod flip and brand	o	3	8	o
Sept. 22	To hors bating	o	1	o	o
	To the comty by order of the selectmen	o	5	8	o
Septem	To 4 mugs of tod 3 mug of flip	o	5	3	
October	To 4 mugs of and 1 Pint of brandy	o	4	4	
Octob 27	To 6 mugs of tod 4 mug of lip				
	2 mugs of sider	o	7	10	

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Novemb 1	To 1 Quort of brandy 4 mugs of flip 2 sheets paper	o	5	10	
Nouem 15	To Liquor and Paper	o	5	3	
Nov 22	To 2 mugs of tod	o	1	6	
	To brandy and tod	o	2	3	
December 18	To Liquor	o	6	8	
	To 1 mug of flip	o	o	9	
geneway 1	To flip and tod and biscit	o	10	2	2
genew 19	To Vittles and drink	o	9	3	
	To 2 horses up to hay	o	o	9	
Febrewary 2	To 1 mug of tod 1 glass of brandy 4 sheets of paper	o	1	4	
	To 2 mug tod 2 mug of flip	o	3	o	
	To 2 horsbtins to 2 mugs of tod 1 Pint brandy	o	3	10	
	To 2 mugs of sider 2 mugg of tod 2 of flip	o	3	6	
	To 2 mugs of flip 4 mug of tod 1 half Pint brand	o	5	2	
	To 1 half mug of tod 1 gil of brandy	o	o	8	2
Febrewary 12	To flip and tod and sider	o	7	3	2
Febre 16	To Liquor	o	6	1	
Febre 20	To Liquor and hors bating	o	5	1	
Feb 23	To Liquor	o	4	7	





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*Counter-stamp*



*Stamp*

*Issued under the Act of 1765*

*Revolutionary Items*

THE following articles relating to the Revolutionary period have already been printed, for the most part, in the "Groton Historical Series." As a matter of general convenience both to the reader and the student, they are now brought together in this volume where they have been arranged mainly in chronological order. In a few instances, however, changes have been made in the body of the article, when it is not given as a quotation.

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*The Stamp Act*

I give herewith an engraving of a half-crown stamp, in exact size, issued under the authority of the famous Act of 1765, which was affixed to certain papers, documents, etc., by order of the British government. It was the resistance to this impost, on the part of the American colonies, that brought about their separation from the mother country. The Act was soon repealed, however, as the crown authorities found it impossible to enforce the law. On a public occasion once, in an after-dinner speech on April 19, 1850, Mr. Edward Everett, holding up a specimen of the stamp, said: "Yes, sir, that bit of dingy blue paper, stamped with the two and six-pence sterling, created the United States of America, and cost Great Britain the brightest jewel in her crown."

In the autumn of 1854 I procured at the American legation in London one of these memorable stamps. A few years previously a certain number of them had been found by the

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Commissioners of Inland Revenue during their removal from Old Broad Street to the Somerset House, London. Some of the specimens were given at the time to Americans who were interested in the matter; and it was one of these that I was lucky enough to obtain.

Apparently with a die an impression was made on faded blue paper pasted over parchment, and fastened to the back of it by a narrow strip of tin-foil; and a small piece of white paper, bearing a device as described below, was stuck over the ends of the tin-foil. The impression on the blue paper is not very deep, but yet quite distinct. It contains a crown, with the word *AMERICA* over the top, and the letter *A* on one side; and the money value of the stamp is given at the bottom. In the centre of the impression is a double Tudor rose surrounded by the motto of the Order of the Garter. In the cut the foil is represented on the right of the rose. The counter-stamp, or small piece of white paper which was stuck over the ends of the tin-foil on the back, has a crown with the letters "*G R*," — one letter on each side, — and the figure 3 slightly below; and a double cipher or monogram of *G. R.* under the whole.

The blue stamps were intended for deeds, wills, and other formal documents, and the price varied according to circumstances. All the specimens that I have seen appear to have been cut out of the corners of parchment, which have been duly embossed, but never used, as the odious Act was repealed so soon.

The stamps for "paper for printing" were made by a cut or a die. I have seen a copy of "*The Halifax Gazette: or the Weekly Advertiser*," Thursday, February 13, 1766, which bears on the last page such a stamp in red ink, to which has been added a rude engraving in type-metal, representing the Devil with a four-tined fork, on his domestic hearth, in the act of pitching the stamp into the fiery furnace.

In the Supplement to Lossing's "*Pictorial Field Book of the Revolution*" (II. 877) is given an engraving of what pur-

ports to be one of the stamps made for the American colonies in 1765, but this is an error. It is not a stamp struck for the colonies at all, but for home use in England, and does not bear the word AMERICA over the crown.

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## *The Tea Tax*

The following "Proceedings" are taken from "The Boston Evening-Post," January 3, 1774. It will be noticed that the meeting was held on the day of the Boston Tea-Party.

### *Proceedings of the Town of Groton.*

**A**T a Meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Groton, assembled at the Public Meeting-House in said Town, on Thursday, Dec. 16th, 1773.

To Consider what is proper for this Town to do relative to the large quantities of TEA, belonging to the Hon. East-India Company, arrived and expected to arrive in this Province, subject to an American Duty.

Chose JAMES PRESCOTT, Esq ; Moderator.

Then the Committee of Correspondence for said Town laid before them a Letter which had been agreed upon by the Committees of several Towns, to be sent to all the Towns in this Province, in order to know their minds at this critical Juncture ; and having read the same, as also the Votes and proceedings of the Town of Boston, at their late Town Meetings in Nov. last : — The Town came into the following Resolves and Votes unanimously,

That we highly approve of the Conduct of the Town of Boston at their late Town Meetings aforesaid, and the several Resolves they came into, relative to the TEAS sent by the East-India Company to America. — And as we Esteem the late Act of Parliament for the benefit of said India Company as an intollerable Grievance, and a very subtle plan of the Ministry to ensnare and enslave the Americans, preferring the Public Happiness to our own private advantage, We will readily afford all the assistance in our Power, to the Town of Boston and all other of our opprest American

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Brethren, and heartily unite with them in every Constitutional method, to oppose this and every other scheme that shall appear to us, to be subversive of American Rights and Liberties, and dishonourary to his Majesty's Crown and Dignity, at the risque of our Lives and Substance.

*Voted*, That our most Cordial Thanks be presented to the Inhabitants of the Town of Boston, for their wise, prudent and spirited Conduct at this alarming Crisis, and for their repeated Vigilance and unwearied Endeavours, to recover and preserve the Rights and Liberties of America.

Upon a motion made, *Voted* unanimously, That the Inhabitants of this Town, will not buy, sell, or make use of any TEA, while subject to an American Duty.

*Voted*, That the Committee of Correspondence for this Town, be desired to wait upon the several Shop-keepers and Traders, within this Town, and desire them not to buy, sell or any way dispose of any TEA while subject to an American duty, as they would avoid the odium of the Town.

*Voted*, That the Committee of Correspondence for this Town be desired to forward an attested Copy of the Proceedings of this Meeting, to the Committee of Correspondence in the Town of Boston.

*Voted*, That this meeting be dissolved. — And it was accordingly dissolved. A true Copy. Attested.

OLIVER PRESCOTT, Town-Clerk.

**A**T a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Groton, Assembled May 8th, 1773.

Voted and chose *James Prescott* Esq; *Oliver Prescott* Esq; and *Josiah Sawtell* Gent. a Committee of Correspondence for the Town of Groton, unanimously.

Attest,

OLIVER PRESCOTT, Town-Clerk.

*The Boston Port Bill*

Colonel Thomas W. Higginson, on page 174 of his "Young Folks' History of the United States" (1898), speaks of the effect of the Boston Port Bill on the public mind, and says: —

Of course, the sympathy of other towns, and even of the other colonies, was at once excited. So a great variety of gifts began to be sent into the suffering town, — grain from Groton, and salt fish from Marblehead, and a flock of two hundred and fifty sheep from Windham, Conn. The southern colonies sent flour and rice; and the middle colonies corn and iron; and many towns sent money for the poor; so that the effect of the Boston Port Bill was entirely different from what the British Government expected.

In this description Colonel Higginson took his main facts from Volume IV. (fourth series) of the "Collections of the Massachusetts Historical Society," where is found a copious correspondence between a committee of the town of Boston and various contributors for the relief of the sufferers by the Boston Port Bill. The following letter written by the town clerk of Groton and the reply by the Boston Overseers of the Poor, found on pages 7–10 of the volume, are highly creditable to all concerned: —

GROTON, June 28th, 1774.

GENTLEMEN, — The inhabitants of the Town of Groton, in general, are deeply affected with a sense of our public calamities, and more especially the distresses of our brethren in the Capital of the Province, as we esteem the act of blocking up the harbor of Boston replete with injustice and cruelty, and evidently designed to compel the inhabitants thereof to submission of taxes imposed upon them without their consent, and threatens the total destruction of the liberties of all British America. We ardently desire a happy union with Great Britain and the Colonies, and shall gladly adopt every measure consistent with the dignity and safety of British subjects for that purpose.

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In full confidence that the inhabitants of the Town of Boston will, in general, exhibit examples of patience, fortitude and perseverance, while they are called to endure this oppression for the preservation of the liberties of their country, and in token of our willingness to afford all suitable relief to them in our power, a number of inhabitants of this Town have subscribed, and this day sent forty bushels of grain, part rye and part Indian corn, to be delivered to the Overseers of the Poor of said Town of Boston, not doubting but the same will be suitably applied for that purpose ; and we earnestly desire you will use your utmost endeavor to prevent and avoid all mobs, riots, and tumults, and the insulting of private persons and property. And while the farmers are cheerfully resigning part of their substance for your relief, we trust the merchants will not oppress them by raising upon the goods which they have now on hand and heretofore purchased. And may God prosper every undertaking which tends to the salvation of the people.

We are, Gentlemen, your friends and fellow-countrymen. In the name and by order of the Committee of Correspondence for the Town of Groton.

OLIVER PRESCOTT, *Clerk.*

TO THE OVERSEERS OF THE TOWN OF BOSTON.

BOSTON, July 5th, 1774.

SIR, — Your obliging letter directed to the Overseers of the Poor of this Town, together with a generous present from a number of the inhabitants of the Town of Groton, for the relief of such inhabitants of this Town as may be sufferers by the Port Bill, is come to hand. In behalf of the Committee of this Town, appointed for the reception of such kind donations, I am now to return to you and the rest of our benefactors the most sincere thanks. The gentlemen may be assured their donations will be applied to the purpose they intend. We are much obliged to you for the wise cautions given in your letter, and we shall use our best endeavors that the inhabitants of this Town may endure their sufferings with dignity, that the glorious cause for which they suffer may not be reproached. We trust that the non-consumption agreement, which we hear is making progress in the country, will put it out of the power of any of the merchants to take unreasonable advantage of raising the prices of their goods. You will, however, remember, that many heavy articles, such as



nails, &c., will be attended with considerable charge in transporting them from Salem. As the bearer is in haste, I must conclude, with great regard for your Committee of Correspondence and the inhabitants of the Town of Groton.

Sir, your friend and fellow-countryman,

Signed by order of the Overseers of the Poor,

SAM. PARTRIDGE.

TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE TOWN OF GROTON,  
IN MASSACHUSETTS.

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## *Committee of Correspondence*

*September 6, 1774.*

THE Inhabitants of the Town of Littleton being assembled at the Meeting-House in said Town ; First voted and chose Mr. Robert Harris Moderator of said Meeting.

2. Chose Captain Jonathan Reed, Mr. Robert Harris and Mr. Aaron Jewett, a Committee of Correspondence for Littleton.

3. Voted that the present Committee should go to Groton, to meet the Committees of the several Towns in the Neighbourhood on Friday next, agreeable to the Desire of said Committees.

4. Voted, That the Proceedings of this Meeting be published in the publick News-Papers.

*A true copy of the Proceedings,*

*Attest.*

OLIVER HOAR, Town-Clerk.

"The Boston-Gazette, and Country Journal," Monday, September 19, 1774.

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## *Rev. Samuel Dana*

It is well known that the Reverend Samuel Dana, minister of Groton from the year 1761 to 1775, at the outbreak of the Revolution, was in sympathy with the Crown. His political views made him unpopular, and caused his dismissal from the parish. An account of the difficulties is given in Mr. Butler's History (pages 179-181). The following notice, by no means clearly expressed, is found in "The New-England Chronicle: or, the Essex Gazette," June 8, 1775: —

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GROTON, May 15th, 1775.

THE Inhabitants of Groton in Town-Meeting assembled, the Rev. Samuel Dana offered that to the Town with Regard to his political Principles and Conduct, with which the Town voted themselves fully satisfied, and that he ought to enjoy the Privileges of Society in common with other Members, and we hope this, with the following by him subscribed, will be fully satisfactory to the Publick.

<i>Oliver Prescott,</i>	}	<i>Committee of Correspondence for GROTON.</i>
<i>James Prescott,</i>		
<i>Josiah Sartell,</i>		
<i>Isaac Farnsworth,</i>		
<i>Moses Child,</i>		

I The Subscriber, being deeply affected with the Miseries bro't on this Country, by a horrid Thirst for ill-got Wealth and unconstitutional Power — and lamenting my Unhappiness, in being left to adopt Principles in Politics different from the Generality of my Countrymen ; and thence to conduct in a Manner that has but too justly excited the Jealousy and Resentment of the true Sons of Liberty against me, earnestly desirous, at the same Time, to give them all the Satisfaction in my Power ; do hereby sincerely ask Forgiveness of all such for whatever I have said or done, that had the least Tendency to the Injury of my Country, assuring them that it is my full Purpose, in my proper Sphere, to unite with them, in all those laudable and fit Measures, that have been recommended by the Continental and Provincial Congresses, for the Salvation of this Country, hoping my future Conversation and Conduct will fully prove the Uprightness of my present Professions.

SAMUEL DANA.

*Groton, May 22, 1775.*

"The Essex Gazette" newspaper, at the beginning of the Revolution, was removed from Salem to Cambridge, where it was published under the name of "The New-England Chronicle: or, the Essex Gazette." It was printed in Stoughton Hall, Harvard College, and the first number under its new title is dated May 12, 1775.

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The following paper is found in Peter Force's "American Archives" (fourth series, II. 1109): —

*To the Honourable Gentlemen of the Provincial Congress of NEW-HAMPSHIRE :*

That whereas, *Jason Russell* and *John Tarbell*, both of *Mason*, in said Province, did, in a felonious manner, on or about the 20th of *May* last, retire to a pasture in said Town belonging to *Samuel Dana*, of *Groton*, and took from thence a three year heifer, and killed and converted it to their own use; whereupon, early notice being given to the Committee for said Town, they met, and required of the offenders full satisfaction therefor, but each of them peremptorily refusing to comply therewith: The advice of Committees from the neighbouring Towns being called in, viz: *New-Ipswich* and *Temple*, and the criminals being cited to appear before said Committees, not only neglected to make their appearance before us, but, as we learn, have fled to the Army; and finding ourselves unable to settle the unhappy difficulty by reason of their escape, came into the following Resolution, viz:

*Resolved*, To refer the matter to your judicious consideration, begging that you will, in your wisdom, take cognizance of the offence, and deal with them in this and in such like case for the future.

EPHRAIM ADAMS, *Chairman*.

DAVID BLODGETT, *Scribe*.

Mason, June 26, 1775.

It is probable that Mr. Dana's tory proclivities at this period had some connection with the affair. John Tarbell, who is mentioned in the preamble, was of Groton descent.

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### *Rev. Samuel Webster's Sermon*

The following is the title of a sermon, mentioned on page 4, which was preached before the Groton minute-men, on February 21, 1775: —

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Rabshakeh's Proposals | Considered, | in a | SERMON, | Delivered at *Groton* | February 21, 1775. | At the Desire of the Officers of the | Companies of Minute Men in that | Town. | By | SAMUEL WEBSTER, A.M. | PASTOR OF THE CHURCH AT TEMPLE, | in NEW-HAMPSHIRE. || Boston: Printed and Sold by EDES and GILL, in *Queen-Street*. 1775. 8vo. pp. 30.

The sermon is singularly meagre in details, and made up largely of theological opinion, perhaps as valuable now as then, but not so highly prized. The author says that a large majority of the town, agreeably to the plan of the Provincial Council, had promised to hold themselves in prompt readiness to act in the service of their country.

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### *Parole and Countersign*

According to the Proceedings of the Massachusetts Historical Society (XV. 101) for October, 1876, the parole at the camp in Cambridge on the night of May 21, 1775, was "Groton," and the countersign "Pepperell." These words, doubtless, were suggested by Colonel Prescott, a native of Groton and a resident of Pepperell, who was then commanding a regiment in the Provincial Army.

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### *Battle of Bunker Hill*

#### *Groton Men Killed in the Fight*

One commissioned officer and ten enlisted men, residents of Groton, were either killed or mortally wounded at the Battle of Bunker Hill. The roll of honor comprises the names of Lieutenant Amariah Fassett, who fell wounded and died a prisoner in Boston, a few days later, on July 5; Sergeant Benjamin Prescott, eldest son of the Honorable James Prescott,

and nephew of Colonel William Prescott, the commander on the American side ; and Privates Abraham Blood, Chambers Corey, James Dodge, Peter Fisk, Stephen Foster, Simon Hobart, Jonathan Jenkins, Robert Parker, and Benjamin Woods.

This loss was the largest suffered by any one town in the battle, and shows the patriotic character of the citizens at that period. These soldiers were serving in five different companies of Colonel Prescott's regiment, and their names now appear on the bronze tablets which have been placed on Bunker Hill by the city of Boston in memory of the brave men who fell in that historic engagement. It is highly probable that Amos Fisk, killed in the battle, was another Groton soldier who fell on that day. See page 45 for a statement of the facts.

Colonel Prescott, the commander of the American forces, and at least three of the Pepperell soldiers who lost their lives in the fight, were natives of Groton.

## *Error on Bunker Hill Tablets*

In connection with the names that are given on the tablets set up by the city, there is a singular error worth noting. David Kemp, of Groton, is named as one of the men who was killed on the Seventeenth, though fortunately he was only captured in that engagement, and afterward was carried to Halifax. By mistake he was reported as dying while a prisoner in Boston, and for a long time his family mourned him as dead. It is not recorded when they first heard of his safety, but probably it was many months after the battle.

In "The Boston-Gazette, and Country Journal" (Watertown), July 29, 1776, it is said : —

Last Tuesday Evening came to town from Halifax, Lieut. Scott of Peterborough, in New Hampshire Government, who was wounded and taken Prisoner at the memorable Battle of Bunker Hill the 17th of June, 1775, and has been a Prisoner ever since. He

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informs, That he with 13 others broke Goal about 5 Weeks ago, and betook themselves to the Woods, where they seperated ; that Captain Martindale and his first and second Lieutenants, John Brown Rifleman Leonard Briggs of Ware, and himself arrived at Truro at the head of Cobbecut river, after a travel of 3 days, where they procured a boat and got to the Eastward ; that Richard Carpenter formerly Barber in this Town, Philip Johnson Beak, David Kemp of Groton, and Corporal Cruse of Virginia, and two others took the road to Windsor where they were apprehended and confined in irons ; that Benjamin Willson of Billerica, one of the Bunker Hill Prisoners, died lately [on June 10, 1776,] in goal ; and that he left Master James Lovell still confin'd, in high health and spirits.

From the foregoing newspaper account it appears that David Kemp did not die in Boston on September 10, 1775, as is recorded on the Company Return (LVI. 70) among the Massachusetts Archives ; and furthermore, that he was alive nearly one year after the memorable engagement. The following petition, printed in the Journal of the Massachusetts House of Representatives, September 13, 1776, gives the exact date of Kemp's escape as well as other interesting facts : —

A petition of *David Kemp*, of *Groton*, setting forth, that his son *David Kemp*, jun. a soldier in Capt. *Parker's* company, in Col. *Prescol's* regiment, was taken prisoner at the Battle of *Bunker's-Hill*, the 17th *June*, 1775, and carried to *Halifax*, where he remained till the 13th *June* last ; that he was not made up in said *Parker's* roll, only to the 17th *June*, therefore praying that his wages to this time may be allowed him.

Read and committed to Capt. *Kimball*, Mr. *Ingals* and Mr. *White*. (Page 104.)

### *A Groton Man Shot Pitcairn*

In a note-book of the Reverend Jeremy Belknap, according to an extract printed in the Proceedings (XIV. 93) of the Massachusetts Historical Society for June, 1875, it is recorded : —

A negro man belonging to Groton, took aim at Major Pitcairne, as he was rallying the dispersed British Troops, & shot him thro' the head, he was brought over to Boston & died as he was landing on the ferry ways.

It has long been known that Pitcairn was killed by a negro, but this is the first account which has ever connected him with Groton.

## *First Man to Fire*

In the account of Chelmsford, prepared by Henry S. Perham for Hurd's "History of Middlesex County" (II. 249), is found the epitaph of Joseph Spaulding, who died in that town on July 31, 1820. It is there stated that: —

He was among the brave asserters & defenders of the liberties of his country at Bunker Hill, where he opened the battle by firing upon the enemy before orders were given: &, after enjoying for many years the blessings of civil & religious liberty in common with others

He, "sunk to rest  
With all his countrys honors blest."

## *First Man Killed*

Amos Foster, a private in Captain Walker's company, Colonel Bridge's regiment, writes, under date of August 3, 1825, as follows: —

I was close by Asa Pollard [of Billerica] when he was killed. He was the first man that was killed. The ball struck the ground and hopped along before it struck him.

Foster's letter is printed in "The New England Historical and Genealogical Register" (XII. 121, 122) for April, 1858. Substantially the same statement appears in the Genealogical Register of Hazen's "History of Billerica" (page 113).

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### *First Man Wounded*

In Holland's "History of Western Massachusetts" (II. 420), the author says :—

At the battle of Bunker Hill, Aaron Barr of Myrifiold [now the town of Rowe] was the first wounded man brought into Cambridge, from the field. He belonged to Capt. Maxwell's company. He was struck by a cannon ball in the morning, had his leg taken off, and died the same day.

There has been a discrepancy of statement in regard to the first man killed in the action, as some persons claim the distinction for Pollard, and others for Barr. The evidence appears to be that Pollard was killed instantly, while Barr was carried from the field and died some hours later in Cambridge. The authority for the statement that Barr was the first man killed is the following writing pasted on the Company Roll among the Massachusetts Archives: "Aron Barr, the first man killed on Bunker Hill June 16 [*sic*], 1775." It appears to have been placed there many years ago, but long after the date of the original record. He was a member of Captain Maxwell's company, Colonel Prescott's regiment, and not of Captain Nutting's company, as stated in the volume of "Bunker-Hill Memorial Tablets" (page 80, *note*), published by the city of Boston.

### *Last Man to Leave the Field*

In Glazier's "History of Gardner," Massachusetts (page 25), it is recorded that David Foster "was engaged in the Revolutionary war nine months, and was the last man who fled from the enemy at the battle of Bunker hill."

DIED — In Andover, Dea. Isaac Abbott, 91. He was the last to leave the field at the battle of Bunker Hill."

"Boston Daily Advertiser," August 13, 1836.

I leave it for others to settle the discrepancy between these two statements.



## *An Anniversary of the Fight*

The following notice of a death is given in "The Boston Recorder," July 22, 1847: —

In Jamaica, Vt., June 15, Mr. Eleazer Randall, 94, a native of New Braintree, Mass. He was in the battle of Bunker Hill, and was buried 17th June, 1847, at the same hour of the day in which he was engaged in conflict.

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## *Rev. Joseph Thaxter, of Edgartown*

Professor Franklin B. Dexter, of Yale University, writes me, under date of November 18, 1896, that he has temporarily in his possession a copy of President Quincy's Memoir of Josiah Quincy, Jr., which contains an interesting note on a fly-leaf. The book was presented to the Reverend Joseph Thaxter (H. C. 1768), of Edgartown, by Abbott Lawrence, on June 17, 1825, when the corner-stone of the Bunker Hill Monument was laid at Charlestown. The note is in the handwriting of Mr. Thaxter, and reads as follows: —

This was given me by the son of Cap<sup>t</sup> [Samuel] Lawrence of Groton who belonged to Prescotts minute Regiment to which I belonged & to whom I preached a military sermon at a regimental muster at Westford the Fall before the Concord Fight. John Robinson of Westford was the Lieutenant Col<sup>o</sup> & led the People with Major Buttericks at Concord Bridge. Cap<sup>t</sup> Lawrence was at his Sons in Boston. It gave me Pleasure to see him the 17 of June at Breeds Hill.

In the year 1774 Mr. Thaxter was preaching as a candidate at Westford, and later received a call to be settled as the minister of the town, which he declined. He served as a chaplain in the army for a while, and in 1780 became the pastor of the church at Edgartown, Martha's Vineyard, where he remained until his death, on July 18, 1827.

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### *Petitions and Accounts*

The following Petitions and Accounts, relating to Groton soldiers at the Battle of Bunker Hill, are found in the printed Journal of the Massachusetts House of Representatives, under their respective dates as noted : —

Tuesday, October 17, 1775 (Afternoon).

A Petition of *Oliver Prescott*, praying Compensation for a Firelock and Accoutrements supply'd by him to *James Dodge*, who fell in Battle at Bunker's-Hill.

Read and committed to Mr. *Wood*, Col. *Grout* and Mr. *Hayward*.

(Page 172.)

*Asa Lawrence's* Petition, praying for Allowance for Cash expended in procuring Tools for Gun Smiths, on Desire of the Committee of Safety, together with his Account.

Read and committed to the Committee on Accounts.

(Page 172.)

Thursday, October 19, 1775.

THE Committee on the Petition of *Oliver Prescott*, praying Compensation for a Firelock and Accoutrements supplied by him to *James Prescott* [Dodge], as is set forth in the Petition ; made Report, which was ordered to lie for the present.

(Page 174.)

Thursday, December 7, 1775.

An Account of *Jonathan Tarbell*, for Time of his Servant, Gun, &c. and Cloathing, lost in the Battle of the 19th of *April* last ; committed to the Committee appointed to consider the Losses sustained in the Battle of the 17th of *June* last.

(Page 23.)

Thursday, March 21, 1776 (Afternoon).

An Account of *David Kemp*, for Loss of Cloaths and other Articles, sustained by his late Son *David Kemp*, taken in the Engagement on *Bunker's-Hill*, on the seventeenth of *June* last, and since dead. [See page 200.]

Read and thereupon *Resolved*, That there be paid out of the public Treasury of this Colony, to *James Prescott*, Esq ; for the Use of *David Kemp*, the Father of the deceased, the Sum of *five Pounds*, in full.  
Sent up for Concurrence.

An Account of *James Prescott*, Esq ; for Loss of Cloaths and other Articles sustained by his Son *Benjamin Prescott*, killed in the Battle of *Charlestown*, on the seventeenth of *June 1775*, with a Report thereon.

Read, and thereupon *Resolved*, That there be paid out of the public Treasury of this Colony to *James Prescott*, Esq ; the Sum of *four Pounds eighteen Shillings and eight Pence*, in full for the Articles lost when his Son *Benjamin Prescott*, was killed in the Battle of the seventeenth of *June* last.

Sent up for Concurrence.

(Page 29.)

Benjamin Prescott was the eldest child of the Honorable James and Susanna (Lawrence) Prescott, and born on April 16, 1753. He was a minute-man in Captain Asa Lawrence's company, which marched to Cambridge, on April 19, 1775, and was a sergeant in Captain Moors's command at the Battle of Bunker Hill. In "The Prescott Memorial" (page 74), by Dr. William Prescott, it is said that Benjamin was a Lieutenant ; but this is an error. For a short notice of him, see Richard Frothingham's "History of the Siege of Boston" (page 175), where he is again spoken of as a Lieutenant.

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## *The Poor of Boston*

During the siege of Boston many of the inhabitants retired to other places in the State ; and certain families, unable to do likewise for want of means, were assigned to particular towns and sent at the public expense. The following extract from the printed Journal of the House of Representatives, November 3, 1775, seems to indicate that the Selectmen

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of Newburyport had asked to be relieved from the care of certain families sent to that town ; and at the same time it gives the names of some who came to this neighborhood : —

The Committee on the Memorial of the Selectmen of *Newbury-Port*, reported.

Read and accepted, and *Resolved*, that the Poor of the Town of *Boston*, that are now in the Town of *Newbury-Port*, be destined in the Manner following, *viz.*

To the Town of *Groton*, Capt. *Phillip Bass*, Wife, and three Children ; the Widow *Bounds* and two Children, and *Peter Mers* and Wife.

*Andover*. — *Christopher Brazen* and Wife, and five Children ; *Christopher Brazen*, jun, Wife and one Child ; *James Henckes*, Wife and two Children ; *Lewis Follings* and Wife.

*Leominster*. — Mrs. *Joanna Trovay* & three Children ; *Ambross Colby*, Wife and three Children ; Mrs. *Patterson* and two Children ; Mrs. *Mary Calf* and Daughter in Law, and two Children.

*Lunenburg*. — *Walter Piper*, Wife and five Children ; *Walter Piper*, jun. Wife and Mother, and seven Children ; *Joseph Grant* and Wife, and Mother and four Children.

*Littleton* — The Widow *Elizabeth Bascom* ; the Widow *Johnson* ; the Widow *Mary York*.

And the Selectmen of the Towns of *Groton*, *Andover*, *Leominster*, *Lunenburg* and *Littleton*, are directed to apply to the Selectmen of *Newbury-Port* for their Proportion of said Poor, and by receiving a Certificate that they are of the Poor of *Boston*, and their Names , Age, and the Time when they came out of *Boston* ; and they are to transport them to their several Towns, according to their Destination, and to be paid out of the public Treasury for the Cost in procuring and Transporting said Poor of *Boston* to their respective Towns ; and the Secretary is hereby directed to furnish each of the Towns of *Groton*, *Andover*, *Leominster*, *Lunenburg* and *Littleton*, with an attested Copy of this Resolve, as soon as may be.

Sent up for Concurrence.

(Pages 227, 228.)

## Coat Rolls

The following copies are made from the original papers among the Massachusetts Archives, found in the two volumes marked "Coat Rolls" on the back. Under an early Resolve passed by the Provincial Congress, each soldier of the Province was entitled to a coat, and, so far as was practicable, one made in his own town. This item proved to be of some importance toward the soldier's pay, and was duly claimed by every man, or by his heirs, if he himself did not live to draw the coat. The various orders for these coats, still on file at the State House, contain many historical facts and other minor details not recorded elsewhere. The orders, hereinafter given, are found unnumbered in Volume LVII. of the "Revolutionary Papers," File 7. Fortunately the men could fight better than they spelled; and their personal prowess outweighed any deficiency in their early education.

Camp att Cambridge Nov: 17: 1775

To the Committy of Clothing in Wartertown

Wee the Subscriber Belonging to groton In Cap<sup>t</sup> moors Compney In Coll W<sup>m</sup> Priscott Reg<sup>t</sup> Dirser [desire] you to Deliuier to Cap<sup>t</sup> Joseph Moors for Each of us a Coat menefactered att groton agareebell to the order of the Last Congerss

SAM<sup>l</sup> FARNSWORTH  
ABEL AMSDEN

JOSEP MOORS JUR  
BENJ. SAWTELL  
PHINS HEMENWAY  
LEONARD TAYLOR  
JOSEP TAYLOR  
EPHRAM WARREN  
OLIVER TARBELL  
ZAC LONGLEY  
JOSEPH TAYLOR JUR  
PHINHES KEEMP  
DAUID ARCHIBEL  
TIOMOTHY WOODS  
THO<sup>s</sup> COLINS

13 Groton Coats @ 23/9 £ 0 — 16 — 3  
7 Rehoboth D<sup>o</sup>                      4 — 1  
—————  
1 — 0 — 4

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PETER DAVIS  
JONAS DAVIS  
JOSEPH GOWING  
JOHN CLOUGH  
20 EBEN<sup>r</sup> PURKINS

Rec<sup>d</sup> the Contents of the within Order as by my Receipt of this date  
on Book may appear

Nov<sup>r</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> 1775

JOSEPH MOORS *Cap<sup>t</sup>*

[Indorsed] 20 Coats Del<sup>d</sup> to Cap<sup>t</sup> Moors in Coll. Prescott Reg<sup>t</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup> 17<sup>th</sup>  
1775

Sewells Point Novem<sup>r</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> 1775

To the Comittee of Clothing in Watertown

Wee the Subscribers Belonging to Groton in Cap<sup>t</sup> Henry Farwells  
Compney in Co<sup>ll</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Prescotts Regiment Desire you to Deliver  
Lieu<sup>t</sup> Benj<sup>a</sup> Ball for each one of us A Coat Manefactred at Groton  
A Greeable to the orders of the Last Congress

HENERY <sup>mc</sup>NEILL  
JONATHAN JENKINS

JOSIAH STEVENS *Sarg<sup>t</sup>*  
JOSIAH WARREN  
ZACCHEUS FARWELL  
MOSES CHASE

Nov<sup>r</sup> 16. 1775 Rec<sup>d</sup> 25 Coats within  
named for which I have given a Rec<sup>t</sup>  
on Book of this Date

BENJ<sup>a</sup> BALL *Leut*

ASA WHITE  
DAVID JENKINS  
URIEL WHITNEY  
JOSEPH FROST  
EBENEZER KEMP  
EPHRAIM ROBBINS  
WILLIAM DERUMPLE  
JAMES DAVIS  
JONAS BROOKS  
JOSEPH PAGE  
JOEL JENKINS  
PELETIAH RUSSELL  
JON<sup>t</sup> SAWTELL  
NATH SAWTELL  
DANIEL <sup>his</sup> × FOSTER  
<sub>mark</sub>

[Sewall's Point is in that part of Brook-  
line, now known as Longwood.]

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SAM<sup>t</sup> LAWRENCE

FRANCES WHITE

OBIDIAH JENKINS

25 PHINEHAS HUBBARD

[Indorsed] Lieu<sup>t</sup> Balls Rec<sup>d</sup> for 25 Coats Cap<sup>t</sup> Farwells Comp<sup>y</sup> Col<sup>l</sup> Prescotts Reg<sup>t</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup> 16. 1775

R<sup>d</sup> of the Barer Timothy Moors Three Coats one for Zac<sup>b</sup> Longley one for Ep<sup>m</sup> Russell & one for Timothy moors all of Groton & all of my Company in Con<sup>l</sup> Prescotts Reg<sup>m</sup>

CAMBRIDGE, October y<sup>e</sup> 26: 1775

✠ HENRY FARWELL *Capt*

test EPHRAIM BROWN

BENJ<sup>a</sup> BALL *Leu<sup>t</sup>*

JOSIAH RICARDSON

[Indorsed] 3 Coats Del<sup>d</sup> by the Selectmen of Groton to 3 men in the Army in Capt Farnwell Company in Col Prescottt Reg<sup>t</sup> Oct<sup>r</sup> 28

CAMBRIDGE Octobr 30 y<sup>e</sup> 1775

To the Comity of Soplys Beples to Diliuer to Asa Lawrence Cap<sup>t</sup> in Colonel W<sup>m</sup> Prescuts Rigement Each a fusane [fustian] Coat to which our names are under Subcribe.

ELISHA HOIT  
ESEKIEL NUTTING  
JONATHAN WOODS  
JACOB WILLIAMS  
JEREMIAH HOBART  
NATHANIEL SHADUCK  
OBADIAH WITHERELL  
LOUY PARKER  
ELEAZER PARKER  
LEMUEL PARKER  
LEMUEL PARKER JR  
DANIEL SHED  
JOEL PORTER  
SOLOMON GILSON

JOHN KILBURN  
DAVID PRESCOTT  
JONATHAN CAPRON  
RUBEN WOODS  
ASA PORTER  
EPHRAIM NUTTING  
NEHEMIAH PARKER  
ABEL NUTTING  
BENJ<sup>a</sup> BLOOD  
JOHN AMES  
SIMEON WILLIAMS  
ELEAZER GREEN  
NATHAN CORY  
JONATHAN COLBURN

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Kiled & Taken  
 Jeams Dogg [Dodge]  
 Stephen Foster  
 Abraham blood  
 Ben<sup>m</sup> Wood  
 Simon Hobart  
 Robert Parker

ROBERT BIZEL  
 JOSIAH LAKIN  
 JONAS TARBELL  
 OLIVER PATCH  
 LEME<sup>LL</sup> BLOOD  
 DAVID HASON  
 JOHN SHIPLE

[Indorsed] 35 Coats Del<sup>d</sup> to Cap<sup>t</sup> Lawrance Men in Coll Prescotts Reg<sup>t</sup>

To the honorbel COMMETE OF CLOTHEN plesse to pay unto the  
 barer hereof Elias Dickey what is alowed me for my Coat and you  
 will oblige your humble Ser<sup>t</sup> BENJ<sup>A</sup> PEIRCE

GROTON Apriel the 8 1777

[Indorsed] p<sup>d</sup> 1 Soldier in Capt Lawrances Comp<sup>y</sup> in Col Prescotts Regt  
 April 9<sup>th</sup> 1777

To The Honorable COMMITE OF CLOTHING for the army att Cam-  
 bridg for the year 1775 This may Certify that Benjamin Perce in  
 my Company and in Colonel Prescuts Rigement has not Rec<sup>d</sup> a  
 Coat nor the pay for one according to a Resolve of Congress

April th 7 y<sup>e</sup> 1777

ASA LAWRENCE } Cap<sup>t</sup>

these May Certify that oliver Parker of the late Capt Eph<sup>m</sup>  
 coreys Company Never Reced his Coat nor the Value of itt he  
 Belonging to Coll W<sup>m</sup> Prescotts Regiment

NATH<sup>L</sup> SARTELL Lt

March 14<sup>th</sup> 1776.

[Indorsed] Cash Paid for 1 Coat to a Soldier in the late Cap<sup>t</sup> Corys Comp<sup>y</sup>  
 in Coll Prescotts Reg<sup>t</sup> March 14<sup>th</sup> 1776



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This may Certify that amos Farnsworth Belonging to my Company in Col: W<sup>m</sup> Prescotts Reg<sup>t</sup> Last year has Never as yet Received a Coat or aney thing in Consequence thereof which was Promised to the Soldiars of the Colony of the Massachusetts-Bay By reason of his Being wounded and Sick and so Absent from Camp

HENRY FARWELL *Capt*

[Indorsed] p<sup>d</sup> 1 Soldier in Capt Farnwells s Comp<sup>y</sup> in Col Prescotts Reg<sup>t</sup> Feb 16<sup>th</sup> 1776

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GROTON Dece<sup>r</sup> 1: 1775

This Certifys that I have Impowed James Prescott Esq<sup>t</sup> to Draw all the wages Cloathing &c. that was Due to my late Husband Peter Fisk a Soldier in the american army under Capt. Parker in Co<sup>ll</sup> Prescotts ridgement, & Desire the Same may be Paid to him & his recipt shall be a full Discharge therefor

ABIJAH PRESCOTT

RACHEL <sup>her</sup> X FISK  
<sub>mark</sub>

I have re<sup>d</sup> of y<sup>e</sup> Com<sup>tee</sup> pay for one Coate for my Son Benj<sup>t</sup> Prescott Cap<sup>t</sup> moors Comp<sup>y</sup>

JAMES PRESCOTT

[Indorsed] Cash Pai<sup>d</sup> for two Coats to 1 Soldier in Cap<sup>t</sup> Parkers Comp<sup>y</sup> and 1 Soldier in Cap Moors Comp<sup>y</sup> both in Coll Prescotts Reg<sup>t</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup> 12 1776

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According to the following certificate Chambers Corey was killed at the Battle of Bunker Hill. He belonged in Groton, and his name duly appears in the list on the Bunker Hill tablets. Oliver Parker, who signs the certificate, was captain of the company at the time of the Battle. Captain Parker was the same person as Lieutenant Oliver Parker in Captain Lawrence's Company of minute-men, who marched from Groton to Cambridge on April 19. See Return on page 49, where is found an earlier record of Corey's death. The date of the paper is there incorrectly printed as October 1, instead of October 7.

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this may Sartefie whome it may Consarn that Charmbres Cory Son  
to Samwell Cory Never receued his Cote nor the money for it for  
he was in my Company and was killed at Buncker Hill Jentelmen  
I Never had any Nolleg of any body Drawing any Cot or mony  
for y<sup>e</sup> Decesed Charmbres Per me OLIVER PARKER *Capt*

[Indorsed] [ ] Capt Parkers Comp in Col<sup>o</sup> Prescotts Regt June 20<sup>th</sup> 1776

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See page 200 for a notice of David Kemp, mentioned below.

GROTON Dece<sup>r</sup> 6: 1775

SIR please to pay to James Prescott Esq<sup>r</sup> all the Wages Due to  
my Son David Kemp & all the Cloathing Due to him &c & his  
recipt shall Discharge you in full & you will oblige your Hum<sup>l</sup> Ser<sup>t</sup>

To Cap. PARKER in Co<sup>l</sup> Prescott ridge<sup>t</sup>

DAVID KEEMP

[Indorsed] Cash Paid in lieu of a Coat to A Soldier in Cap<sup>t</sup> Parkers Comp<sup>y</sup> in  
Coll Prescott Reg<sup>t</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup> 12 1776

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To the COMITTY OF CLOTHING att Watteroun  
pleas to Pay Cap<sup>t</sup> Abijah Wyman 25 Shilling for a Coat granted  
me By the Honrebel Congress of this Provin I Being a Soldier In  
Cap<sup>t</sup> Wymans Compenny & Co<sup>l</sup> Prescotts Reg<sup>t</sup> and Belong to the  
town of groton DANIEL GILLSON

CAMBREDG November 10 1775

the within Named person Belongs to my Company & pleas to  
Deliver the money to L<sup>t</sup> Brow ABIJAH WYMAN *Capt*  
Dece<sup>r</sup> 28. 1775

[Indorsed] Dannil Gilson order to the Committy of Supplys p<sup>d</sup> 1 Soldier in  
Capt Wymans Comp<sup>y</sup> in Prescotts Regt Dec<sup>r</sup> 29. 1775 1—5—0

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To Cap<sup>t</sup> JOSEPH MOORS  
Please To Deliuier the Barer Abraham Ireland my Coat & this  
Shall Be your Discharge from me for the Same

Nov<sup>m</sup> y<sup>e</sup> 9: 1775

ABRAHAM IRELAND JUNR [of Lunenburg]

we do hereby Cerety that the above named Abraham Ireland  
Jun<sup>r</sup> is a Soldier in our Company

JOSEPH MOORS *Capt*

ISAAC DODGE *Lieft*

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WINTER HILL Nov<sup>r</sup> y<sup>e</sup> 16: 1775

Re<sup>d</sup> of George Kimball the Barer the Coat within mentioned and  
I Desier you would give him an order for the same

To Cap<sup>t</sup> JOSEPH MOORS

ABRAHAM IRELAND

WATERTOWN Nov<sup>r</sup> y<sup>e</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> 1775

Re<sup>d</sup> of Cap<sup>t</sup> Joseph moors twenty five Shillings for the above  
mentioned Coat

GEORGE KIMBALL

### *Captain Corey's Company*

There were so many Groton men in Captain Corey's company, that I give the Coat Roll in full. See page 49 for a list of the Groton members. Evidently, from their names, several of the company were negroes.

CAMP AT CAMBRIDGE Oc<sup>r</sup> 31: 1775

to the COMMITTEE OF CLOTHING at wortertown we the Subscribers  
Whose Names are here under Ritten Belongeing to a Company  
Commanded by Eph<sup>m</sup> Corey in Coll William Prescott Reg<sup>t</sup> Desire  
you to Deliver a Coat for Each of us to L<sup>t</sup> Eph<sup>m</sup> Corey agreeable to  
the orders of the Late Congress

SILAS COREY	JOHN PARKER
JOSEPH SKINNER	CORNELIUS TEIGH
MOSES GRIMES	JOHN WHITNEY
EPH <sup>m</sup> WHEELER	JOSEPH GORSON
JOHN DWINELL	BENJ <sup>A</sup> BENNET
OLIVER LAKEN	MICHEL BARNEY
DAVID PORTER	SMITH COLBORN
JOSEPH MCFARLING	CEASER DICKERSON
SAMSON COVERN	DARIAS HUDSON
ABIJAH LEWIS	CUFF HAYES
PHILIP COREY	CATO TUFTS
PRINCE HULL	JOSEPH VERRIEL
POMP FISK	ASA UNDERWOOD
TITUS COLBURN	ABIAL PARKER
RICHARD GILES	CEASER WEATHERBEE
ROBART PARKER	ABEL PARKER

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CHESTER PARKER

MATHEW BRIGHT

BENJ<sup>n</sup> GOOLD

JOHN BODGE

SILAS TAYLOR

ROBERT TYNG

JOSEPH ADAMS

ABNER WHITNEY

BENJ<sup>a</sup> PARKER

JAMES WEIR

42 Coats

Rec<sup>d</sup> the Contents of the within Order

EPH<sup>m</sup> COREY *Cap<sup>t</sup>*

[Indorsed] 42 Coats Del<sup>d</sup> to 42 of Cap<sup>t</sup> Corys men in Coll Prescott Reg  
(Massachusetts Archives, Revolutionary Papers, LVII., File 7)

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### *Major Samuel Lawrence*

The following article on Major Samuel Lawrence, written by the late Miss Emily Seaver, of Rutland, Vermont, a great-granddaughter, was printed in "The American Monthly Magazine" (V. 107-110) for August, 1894, where it appears in connection with a similar sketch of Colonel Timothy Bigelow, of Worcester, under the heading of "Two Revolutionary Soldiers." It is a just tribute to the memory of an old soldier, and gives an interesting account of certain events in his life. He ended his days at Groton, on November 8, 1827, surrounded by a large family of children, whom he lived to see grow up and prosper.

### *Samuel Lawrence*

The following is a brief account of two soldiers of the Revolution, written not because they were distinguished or great, but just because they were examples of the spirit and tone of the common people, for the time has passed away forever when History con-

cerned herself only with the heroic deeds of kings and knights and lords, and we realize that we can best understand any great struggle by the record of the popular sentiment ; by the sacrifices the common people were willing to make for it. Of the two portraits in this sketch, one is that of a farmer, a true son of the soil, the other a mechanic in what was then the first town of importance in Massachusetts. Unlike in all other circumstances, yet animated by the same spirit of patriotism, with "unfailing loyalty they gave all they had to give to the cause of their country's independence."

Samuel Lawrence was the son of Captain Amos Lawrence, and descended from John Lawrence, who came over from England about 1630. John settled originally in Watertown near Boston, but afterwards removed to Groton, about thirty miles inland, and was one of the original proprietors. Many of his descendants of the eighth generation are still living there. Samuel was born April 24, 1754. He was consequently just twenty-one at the commencement of the War of Independence. The news of the Concord fight reached Groton about ten o'clock on the morning of the eventful 19th of April. Samuel was a corporal in one of the Groton companies of Minute Men, and he was plowing his father's field in the sweet April sunshine, his neighbor, General Oliver Prescott, rode up, shouting, "Samuel, the British are coming ; notify your men !" Leaving the plow and mounting the general's horse, Samuel made a circuit of seven miles, calling on all the men of his company, and returned to his father's house in fifty minutes. The company met at the church, where a brief religious service was held, arms and ammunition were distributed, and at one o'clock the two Groton companies and the Pepperell company were on the road and marched with all possible dispatch to Concord and Lexington. They were, however, too late to take part in the battle, and so marched on to Cambridge, where were the headquarters of the American Army, and that night, which marked the commencement of the siege of Boston, the Middlesex companies were on duty guarding the roads which led to the town. And now the militia from far and near flocked to Cambridge. Most of the farmers, hastening from the fields, brought nothing with them but their guns and the clothes they had on. It was, therefore, a welcome sight when, as soon as he could collect a wagonload of provisions, Captain Amos Lawrence drove to the lines with welcome stores for his son and neighbors.

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The Middlesex regiment was commissioned May 26, and he was orderly to its commander, Colonel Prescott. The regiment took an active part in the battle of Bunker Hill. Ensign Lawrence was near Dr. Joseph Warren when he was shot. Captain Farwell, of his company, was severely wounded, and he himself received a wound in the arm, while a bullet passed through his hat. Had he been a little taller it would have passed through his brain. Ensign, afterwards Adjutant, and then Major Lawrence, remained in the Army for more than three years, his regiment being in active service all the time in Massachusetts and New York, where he was on General Sullivan's staff; in New London, and, finally, at the battle of Rhode Island, during which time he was at home for only two brief furloughs. The first of these was in July, 1777, when, the regiment being again in Cambridge, he asked and obtained leave to go home for a few days for the express purpose of marrying Miss Susanna Parker, to whom he had been engaged for more than two years. The marriage took place at this time in compliance with the advice of Major Lawrence's mother, who said that if anything happened to Sam, Susan had better be his widow than his forlorn damsel — not a very cheerful reason for a wedding; nor was the ceremony concluded before the ringing of the bell gave the alarm calling all the soldiers to arms. Hardly were the young couple pronounced man and wife when they were separated, and within an hour the bridegroom was on his march again to Cambridge. The alarm proved to have been unnecessary, and his colonel granted the young soldier leave to return for a few days to provide for his bride's comfortable sojourn in his father's house. He was allowed another short furlough at the end of the year, the regiment being in winter quarters in Rhode Island. In September, 1778, immediately after the battle of Rhode Island, the last battle fought on New England soil, Major Lawrence resigned his commission and left the Army, returning home to his native town. Here he lived for nearly fifty years, rearing a large family, exercising a boundless hospitality (his daughters said they might as well keep a tavern), interested in every undertaking for the growth and welfare of the town, and one of the trustees of the Groton (now Lawrence) Academy. It is a curious illustration of the way in which his military life was merged in that of a civilian that he was never called "Major," but always "Deacon" Lawrence, having been made a

deacon of the church at the age of twenty-nine. The brief romance of his early life seemed to have quite faded with the light of common day, and yet not wholly so, for with his Groton comrades he formed a club where the veterans met to recall the stirring events of their youth; and as at the close of a wintry day we have seen the eastern hills all glowing with crimson splendor from the rays of the setting sun, so one last gleam gilded the last days of the good man's life. On the 17th of June, 1825, the corner-stone of Bunker Hill Monument was laid. General Lafayette, the idol of the American Army, was present by special invitation, having crossed the ocean in a vessel sent by the American Government to bring him, and Daniel Webster pronounced the oration. Seated before him were the veterans who had "toiled all night and fought all day" fifty years before, and among them Major, now Deacon, Lawrence. Into every human life comes at some time, sooner or later, one drop at least of perfect and unmixed happiness, and when Mr. Webster in the course of his oration (one of the three finest that he ever delivered) addressed these old soldiers, "And you, venerable men," and they rose by a common impulse to their feet, they tasted that perfect draught. It was too much bliss for the hero of this sketch, for he received the next day a paralytic stroke from which he never recovered, though he lived for more than two years.

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## *Testimony given by Groton Men*

The following Certificate and Declaration are printed, with other similar ones, in the "Boston Patriot and Daily Chronicle," June 13, 1818, and were collected at the instance of General Henry A. S. Dearborn who had written "An Account of the Battle of Bunker Hill." Each paper is numbered with Arabic figures in brackets. The Account was first published in "The Port-Folio" (Philadelphia) for March, 1818, and was the occasion of some criticism. For the purpose of answering the strictures the author printed these papers: —

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[No. 13.]

Certificate of the Rev. DANIEL CHAPLIN, D.D. of Groton, and the  
Rev. JOHN BULLARD, of Pepperell.

This may certify the public, that we whose names we have given, were in the habits of intimacy with Col. W. Prescott, of Pepperell, a man of the strictest integrity, during most of the period after he left the revolutionary army until his death ; that at sundry times in conversation with him about the war, particularly about the battle of Bunker Hill, so called, he uniformly told us, that Maj. General Warren came to the Fort on Breed's Hill, which had been formed the night preceding, a little before the British made an attack on the works ; that he, Col. Prescott, said to General Warren, 'I am happy to see you, General,' or using words to the same effect, 'for you will now take command, and I will obey your orders, and am relieved.' Said General Warren, to him in reply, 'I have no command here, Col. Prescott, I am a volunteer, I came to learn actual service.' Prescott said, 'I wish then you would look at the works we have thrown up, and give your opinion.' Warren replied, 'you are better acquainted, Colonel Prescott, with military matters than I am.' After which they immediately parted, and met not again. Col. Prescott further informed us repeatedly, that when a retreat was ordered and commenced, and he was descending the hill, he met General Putnam, and said to him, 'why did you not support me, General, with your men, as I had reason to expect, according to agreement?' Putnam answered, 'I could not drive the dogs up.' Prescott pointedly said to him, 'if you could not *drive* them up, you might have *led* them up.' We have good reason to believe further from declarations of some of our parishioners, men of respectability, whose veracity cannot be doubted, who belonged to Col. Prescott's regiment and were present through the whole service, that General Putnam was not on Breed's Hill the night preceding, or on that day, except that just before the attack was made, he might have gone to the fort and ordered the tools to be carried off, that they might not fall into the hands of the enemy in the event of his carrying the works, and holding the ground, and that he and his men, with Col. Gerrish, remained on the side of Bunker Hill towards the neck during the whole action.

Signed,  
Groton, June 5, 1818.

DANIEL CHAPLIN,  
JOHN BULLARD.



[No. 14.]

*Declaration of Deacon SAMUEL LAWRENCE, of Groton.*

I, Samuel Lawrence, of Groton, Esquire, testify and say, that I was at the battle of Bunker Hill, (so called) in Colonel William Prescott's regiment ; — that I marched with the Regiment to the point on Breed's Hill, which was fixed on for a redoubt ; that I assisted in throwing up the breast-work, and in forming a redoubt, under Col. Prescott, who directed the whole of this operation. — The work was begun about nine o'clock in the evening of June 16th, 1775. I was there the whole time, and continued in the redoubt, or in the little fort, during the whole battle, until the enemy came in and a retreat was ordered. General Putnam was not present either while the works were erecting, nor during the battle. I could see distinctly the rail fence and the troops stationed there during the battle, but General Putnam was not present as I saw. After the retreat was ordered, the troops retreated towards Bunker Hill, and continued over and on the side of the hill (I was on the side of the hill) towards Charlestown neck.

Just before the battle commenced, General Warren came to the redoubt. He had on a blue coat and white waistcoat, and I think a cocked hat, but of this I am not certain — Col. Prescott advanced to him, said 'he was glad to see him, and hoped he would take the command.' Gen. Warren replied, 'no — he came to see the action but not to take command ; that he was only a volunteer on that day.' Afterwards I saw General Warren shot ; I saw him when the ball struck him, and from that time until he expired. I knew General Warren well by sight, and recollected him perfectly when Col. Prescott offered him the command, and was sorry to see him so dangerously situated, as I knew him to be a distinguished character, and thought he ought not to have risked his life without command on that occasion. No British officer was within forty or fifty rods of him, from the time the ball struck him, until I saw he was dead. I have read General Dearborn's account of the battle, and think it correct, particularly with regard to the occurrences at the gateway of the redoubt.

(Signed)

SAMUEL LAWRENCE.

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

*County of Middlesex, June 5, 1818.*

Personally appeared Samuel Lawrence, Esq. and made oath, that the above declaration by him subscribed, is just and true in all its parts, according to the best of his knowledge and belief. Before me,

(Signed)

SAMUEL DANA, *Justice of the Peace throughout said Commonwealth.*

### *Survivors of the Battle in 1825*

In the "Proceedings of the Bunker Hill Monument Association at the Annual Meeting, June 17, 1895," are given the names of the survivors of the Battle who applied for the allowance provided by the State for attendance at the laying of the corner-stone of the Monument, June 17, 1825. The list gives the rank of the soldier and his age, as well as the regiment in which he served, and his residence at the time.

#### *Doolittle's Regiment.*

Elnathan Sawtell	Private	72	Groton.	(Page 45)
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#### *Bridge's Regiment.*

Daniel Nutting	Private	69	Westford.	( " 46)
Jonathan Beard	"	75	Harvard,	
			Capt. B. Walker's Co.	( " " )

#### *Baldwin's Regiment.*

Abraham Childs	Lieutenant	84	Groton.	( " " )
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#### *Prescott's Regiment.*

Obadiah Perry	Corporal	78	Westford,	
			Capt. Parker's Co.	( " 47)
Samuel Lawrence	Corporal	72	Groton.	( " " )
John Pushee	Private	77	Westford.	( " " )
Sampson Wood	"	65	Groton.	( " " )
Moses Blood	"	75	Pepperell.	( " " )
Amos Farnsworth	"	71	Groton.	( " " )

*Dr. Nehemiah Abbot*

Amos Lawrence (*b.* 1716, *d.* 1785) married Abigail Abbot, and one of their four sons was Deacon Samuel Lawrence; and hence later the surname was brought into the family as a given name. Deacon Lawrence, the executor of the estate advertised below, was a nephew of Dr. Nehemiah Abbot, who died on July 13, 1785, without children. He had a son born on December 16, 1792, whom he named "Abbott"; and this son afterward became somewhat noted in various ways.

*By order of the Court of Common Pleas for the  
county of Middlesex,*

Will be sold at Public Vendue, on Monday, the 10th day of January next, at two o'clock, P. M. at the House of OLIVER BARRON, Esq. Innholder in Chelmesford, in said county,

**T**WO-THIRDS of the Real Estate of NEHEMIAH ABBOT, late of Chelmesford, Physician, deceased, lying near the Meeting-House in said town, for the payment of the debts of said deceased, and charges of sale. The conditions of sale may be seen at the time and place aforesaid, or by applying in Groton, to

SAMUEL LAWRENCE, Executor.

*Groton, December 6, 1790.*

"Independent Chronicle: and the Universal Advertiser" (Boston), December 23, 1790.

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*Lieut. Amaziah Fassett*

In Richard Frothingham's "History of the Siege of Boston" (fourth edition, page 347, *note*), there is a reference to Amos Lawrence (*b.* 1786, *d.* 1852) with an allusion to his father, Deacon Samuel Lawrence, and to "his uncle," Lieutenant Amaziah Fassett, who fell mortally wounded at the Battle of Bunker Hill, and died, a prisoner in Boston, on July 5, 1775. While years ago I had heard of a relationship between the

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Lawrence family and the Fassett family, I was unable then to trace the connection; and this circumstance has led me anew to investigate the subject, which I have done with the following result.

Amaziah Fassett was born in the year 1742 at Westford, where he married Ede Richardson, who was born in 1745 also at Westford. She was a daughter of Abiel and Sarah (Boyn-ton) Richardson; and her mother, after the death of Mr. Richardson, became the second wife of William Parker, of Groton, and the mother of Susanna Parker, who was Deacon Samuel Lawrence's wife. In other words, Mrs. Fassett and Mrs. Lawrence had the same mother but different fathers, and consequently were half-sisters. As Samuel and Susanna were not married until July 22, 1777, long after Amaziah's death, the kinship between the two soldiers, at the time of the Battle, was only of a prospective character.

The first progenitor in this country of the Groton family of Fassetts was Patrick, an inhabitant of Malden and Billerica, and perhaps an Irishman.

According to "The Boston Weekly News-Letter," July 26, 1753, Abiel Richardson of Groton, was killed on July 18 of that year, by falling from a rafter, while helping to raise the frame of a meeting-house in Dunstable; and without doubt this man was the father of Mrs. Fassett.

The following Resolve, passed by the General Assembly of the State of Massachusetts-Bay, and numbered XCVI. in the official volume, refers to Lieutenant Fassett, but the name is there misspelled.

*Resolve on the Petition of Elisha Rockwood; passed April 9, 1777.*  
On the petition of *Elisha Rockwood*, Executor to the last Will and Testament of *Amaziah Tisset* [*Fassett*], late of *Groton*, deceased,  
*Resolved*, That the Prayer of the Petition be granted, and that the Petitioner, *Elisha Rockwood*, be and he hereby is impowered to make Sale of all the Real Estate mentioned in said Petition, for the most it will fetch, and make and execute a good Deed or Deeds to the Purchaser or Purchasers, he observing the Rules and

Directions of the Law relating to the Sale of Real Estates by Executors and Administrators, and giving Bond to the Judge of Probate for the County of *Middlesex*, that the Proceeds arising from such Sale shall be applied for the Benefit of the Heirs at Law of the said deceased, in the same Proportion as though the same had not been sold.

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## *Capt. Samuel Tarbell*

The following Resolves were passed by the Legislature of Massachusetts, and are found in the several editions of "Resolves of the General Assembly of the State of Massachusetts-Bay" of their respective dates. The petition, printed on page 225, refers to the estate mentioned in Resolve CLIII., and shows furthermore that Tarbell was dead in the early part of 1781. See Hill's "History of Mason," New Hampshire (page 220), for an allusion to him. The decease of his son, Captain Samuel Tarbell, is announced in the "Columbian Centinel" (Boston), March 12, 1796, under Deaths, as follows:—

At Groton, the 4th inst. Capt. Samuel Tarbell, late an officer in his Britannic Majesty's American Dragoons.

This son was a refugee in New York during the early part of 1781. See page 225 for an allusion to the fact.

### LXXXIX.

*Resolve empowering Perez Morton to bring forward a Prosecution against Samuel Tarbell; passed April 23, 1778.*

*WHEREAS Samuel Tarbell of Groton, in the county of Middlesex, husbandman, on the fourth day of December last, by his bond became bound and obliged unto the Government and People of said State, in the penal sum of two thousand pounds, conditioned that the said Samuel Tarbell, shall well and truly from time to time during the several Sessions of the Superior Court of Judicature, &c. in any and all the counties within this State, and during the several Sessions of the Superior Court of Judicature, &c. within and for the several counties within the State of New-Hampshire, &c. personally appear*

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*and attend at every of the said Courts, and give evidence in behalf of the Government and People of either of said States. But the said Tarbell has nevertheless absconded and failed of appearing agreeable to the conditions mentioned in the bond aforesaid; and there is great danger of his disposing of the whole of his estate, and the public thereby be defrauded. And whereas the Hon. Robert Treat Paine, Esq; Attorney General to this State, being necessarily absent attending the Superior Court: Therefore*

*Resolved, That Perez Morton, attorney at law be, and hereby is empowered and directed to bring forward a process upon the bond given by said Tarbell on the fourth of December last, in behalf of the Government and People of this State of Massachusetts-Bay, and pursue the same to final judgment and execution; and law or custom to the contrary notwithstanding.*

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### CLIII.

*Resolve empowering James Prescott, Esq; to lease out the Estate of Samuel Tarbell of Groton; pass'd April 10, 1780.*

*Whereas this State by their Attorney did in the year 1778 put in suit one certain obligation and recovered a judgment of court against Samuel Tarbell, then of Groton (since fled to the enemy) for the forfeiture of the penalty mentioned in said obligation, and have since levied execution upon some real estate to satisfy said judgment, which real estate consisting of some land and buildings are now become the property of this State, and no person authorized to take care of the same: Therefore,*

*Resolved, That James Prescott, Esq; be and he is hereby appointed and fully empowered to lease out for one year, ending the 1st day of April 1781, the aforementioned lands and buildings for the most they will fetch, and to call upon any person or persons for any money justly due to said State for the past improvement of said estate (if any there be) and to pay in all such sums of money as he may receive to the Treasurer of this State, taking duplicate receipts therefor, and lodge one of said receipts in the Secretary's office.*

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*The Lawrence Farm*

To the Honourable the General Court of the Commonwealth of  
Massachusetts now convened at Boston —

Humbly shews Amos Lawrence of Groton that Captain Samuel Tarbell late of said Groton Deceased — died Seized of a Farm containing about one hundred acres of Land that after his Death the same was divided into nine shares two whereof has been set off to his son Samuel Tarbell now a Refugee in New York that the same two shares have been since taken in execution for a Debt Due to the Government, and your Petitioner having purchased the other shares, it hath become necessary in order to his making a proper improvement of the same that he should have the two shares aforesaid wherefore he Humbly prays your Honours to take the matter under Consideration and to suffer him to purchase the same the Consideration which he gave for the other shares was sixty pounds silver money for Each and he humbly hopes that your Honours would not demand more of him than the other proprietors he would further observe that the buildings are not fit to Live in & no part can be repaired without the whole that the Fences are decaying and the Land Continually growing the worse and these together with the Rates Constantly arising will render the Interest but of very Little Value in a year or two whereof he hopes for the Interest of the Government as well as for his own inconvenience that he may be allowed to purchase and he will pray &c

February 16th 1781

AMOS LAWRENCE

This may Certify that the subscribers with some of the other heirs of Captain Samuel Tarbell Deceased sold their shares in said Tarbells Farm in Groton for sixty pounds a share to Captain Amos Lawrence

February 16th 1781

HENRY FARWELL

SAMUEL REED

[Indorsed] Amos Lawrence's Petition & Report Capl. Mitchell Capt. Waterman M<sup>r</sup> Lewis

(Massachusetts Archives, CCXXXI. 452)

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Commonwealth of } In The House of Representatives  
Massachusetts — } March 3<sup>d</sup> 1781.

On The Petition of Amos Lawrence of Groton in the County of Middlesex, praying that he may be allowed to purchase Two ninth parts of the Farm in the said Town of Groton which Cap<sup>t</sup> Samuel Tarbell deceased died seized of, which Two ninths was Set of to his son Samuel Tarbell, & has since been taken by Execution for a debt due to this Government

Resolved that the Committee who are appointed to sell Confiscated Estates in the County of Middlesex be & hereby are Authorised & impowered to sell at publick or private sale as they shall think most Beneficial for this Commonwealth, the above mentioned Two ninths of the Farm which the above said Cap<sup>t</sup> Samuel Tarbell Deceased, died seized of, & was set of to his son Samuel Tarbell & make & Execute a good & legal deed or deeds of the same, & they are hereby directed to pay the neat proceeds Arising by said sale or sales into the Treasury of this Commonwealth taking duplicate Receipts therefor one of which to be lodged in the Secretary's office.

Sent up for concurrence

CALEB DAVIS *Spe*

In Senate March 3<sup>d</sup> 1781 —

Read & Concurred JER : POWELL — *Presi<sup>d</sup>*

Approv'd JOHN HANCOCK

[Indorsed] Rec<sup>d</sup> pge 320 Resolue on the Petition of Amos Lawrence empowering the Agents appointed to sell confiscated Estates in the County of Middlesex to sell the Farm mentioned March 3<sup>d</sup> 1781

(Massachusetts Archives, CCXXXI. 451)

At this time the Honorable James Prescott, of Groton, was one of a Committee of three appointed for Middlesex County, to sell forfeited estates. Amos Lawrence, the petitioner, was the father of Deacon Samuel Lawrence ; he died on June 20, 1785, when his son inherited the farm, which still remains in the possession of the family.



## *Col. William Prescott*

At a meeting of the Massachusetts Historical Society, held on June 9, 1887, Dr. Samuel A. Green made the following remarks: —

In the early part of last month (May 4) I had the pleasure of meeting a kinswoman of Colonel William Prescott, who is probably the only person now living who ever saw the hero of Bunker Hill, and certainly the only one who ever knew him or ever talked with him; and her recollections are interesting. I refer to Mrs. Sarah (Chaplin) Rockwood, a resident of Cortland, Cortland County, New York, who was the youngest daughter of the Rev. Daniel Chaplin, D.D., of Groton, the last minister of the town during the period when it formed but a single parish. Her mother was Susanna, eldest daughter of Judge James Prescott, Colonel William's elder brother. Mrs. Rockwood was born at Groton on November 8, 1785, and Colonel Prescott, her great-uncle, died on October 13, 1795, — so that she was ten years old at the time of his death. The date of her birth was duly entered in the town-records, and the entry corresponds with that in her family Bible.

She describes him as a tall, well-proportioned man, with blue eyes and a large head. He usually wore a skull-cap; and he parted his hair in the middle, wearing it long behind, braided loosely and tied in a *club* with a black ribbon, as was common in those days. He had a pleasant countenance, and was remarkably social and full of fun and anecdote. He was dignified in his manners, and always had the bearing of a soldier.

I am satisfied that her recollections of that early period are clear and distinct. She shows in many ways that her memory of events long since past is still good, as it is of more recent ones. Although she has entered upon the second year of her second century, she reads the newspapers, and takes more than an ordinary interest in public affairs.

Mrs. Rockwood died at Cortland, New York, on November 26, 1889, having reached the remarkable age of 104 years and

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18 days. Her funeral took place on November 29; and it is a source of sad satisfaction to me that I was enabled to be present at the last rites paid to her memory. According to the church-records she was baptized on November 13, 1785.

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### *Prescott Monument*

In the autumn of 1879 a monument was erected by the town of Groton, which bears the following inscription: —

COLONEL WILLIAM PRESCOTT  
COMMANDER OF THE AMERICAN FORCES  
AT THE BATTLE OF BUNKER HILL  
WAS BORN ON THE 20<sup>TH</sup> OF FEBRUARY 1726  
IN A HOUSE WHICH STOOD  
NEAR THIS SPOT

It stands on the heater piece, near the southerly end of Main Street; and in connection with two other memorial stones it was dedicated with appropriate exercises in the Town Hall, on February 20, 1880, when an historical address was delivered. By a vote of the town, on April 2, 1894, this plot of land was named Prescott Square.

See Frontispiece for a cut of the monument.

A bronze statue of Prescott was set up within the grounds of the Bunker Hill Monument Association at Charlestown, on June 17, 1881, when an address was delivered by the Honorable Robert C. Winthrop. It was made by William W. Story, the eminent sculptor; and, as there is no portrait of Colonel Prescott extant, Mr. Arthur Dexter, a great-grandson, then living in Rome, was taken in a general way as a model for the features.

## *Capt. Asa Lawrence*

Asa Lawrence, mentioned below, commanded one of the two companies that marched from Groton to Cambridge on the alarm of April 19, 1775. He was a son of Peleg Lawrence, and lived on the farm known later as the Governor Sullivan place. It is situated on the Lowell road and took its name from James Sullivan, who was afterward Governor of the Commonwealth. Sullivan was the Justice of the Peace, who took Lawrence's deposition on February 1, 1779.

See page 8 for references to the skirmish at Chelsea; and for a fuller account see Amos Farnsworth's diary printed in the "Proceedings of the Massachusetts Historical Society" (second series, XII. 81) for January, 1898. It will be noticed that Captain Lawrence speaks of the action as a "Battle."

State of the	}	To the Honourable the Council and
Massachusetts Bay		House of Representatives in general
		Court assembled

Humbly shewes Asa Lawrence of Groton in the County of Middlesex that he was in the Engagement of the 17th of June at Charlestown and there lost goods an account whereof is hereunto annexed—and that at the Battle of Chelsea he risked his Life at the Command of general Putnam to Burn one of the Enemies armed Vessels and after many attempts he finally effected the same whereby there was an acquisition of twelve peices of Cannon to the Public, and also that he served seven weeks in the late Expedition against Rhode Island as a Volunteer and has never had any reward for said services or Compensation for his said Losses. Wherefore he prays that a due allowance may be made him for his services and losses aforesd and he as in duty bound shall ever pray &c.

GROTON 28th January 1779

ASA LAWRENCE

The State of M Bay to Assa Lawrence D<sup>r</sup> for Loss at Bunker Hill  
17th June 1775

To 1 Gun & Bayonet . . . . .	3	8
To 1 Coat 40/ Blanket 30/ . . . . .	3	10
Knapsack & Tumpline 12/ . . . . .		12
		<hr/>
	7	10

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State of                    }  
Masstts Bay } Middlesex ss Feby 1st 1779 then the sd Asa  
Lawrence appeared and made oath to the Truth of the above  
account before me                   JA SULLIVAN *Just Peace*

Mar. 23. 1780 Coll Gerrish Capt Newton Capt Bonney  
A Grant of £100 to Asa Lawrence for Losses sustained at Bunker  
Hill — May 4 — 1780 — N<sup>o</sup> 71

[Indorsed] Asa Lawrence Petition  
(Massachusetts Archives, CLXXXIV. 388)

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### *Miscellaneous Items*

Several days before the Battle of Lexington, a hostile incursion by the English soldiers stationed in Boston was expected by the patriots. Its aim was the destruction of stores collected for the use of the Provincial cause; and on this account every movement of the British troops was closely watched. At this time the Committees of Safety and of Supplies voted that some of the stores should be kept at Groton; and, if their plan had been fully carried out, it is among the possibilities of the War that another battle might have been fought in Middlesex County, and that the township of Groton might have been its scene of action. But open hostilities began so soon afterward, that no time was given to make the removal of the stores. It was ordered by these Committees, April 17, 1775, that the four six-pounders be transported from Concord to Groton, and put under the care of Colonel Oliver Prescott. On the next day it was voted that all the ammunition should be deposited in nine different towns of the Province, of which Groton was one, and that one-half of the musket cartridges be removed from Stow to Groton. It was also voted that two "medicinal chests" should be kept at different places in the town, and that eleven hundred tents be deposited in equal quantities in

Groton and six other towns. See "The Journals of each Provincial Congress of Massachusetts in 1774 and 1775, and of the Committee of Safety" (pages 516-518).

Mr. Wheildon, in his "New Chapter in the History of the Concord Fight," reprinted near the end of this volume, gives other facts relating to these orders by the Committees of Safety and of Supplies.

During this period a committee was appointed to inspect the stock of powder in the Province, and report the amount on hand in the various towns. This they did on May 25, 1775, when there was, according to the Report, a barrel of powder in Groton, — kept probably in the powder-house or magazine which, two years later, was enlarged by the Board of War. This magazine was built on the land of Benjamin Bancroft, afterward owned by the Honorable James Prescott, Jr. It was situated in the roadway of the present High Street, — which then was not laid out, — perhaps thirty-five rods from its north end. It was a stone building, about twelve feet square, and taken down probably in the summer of 1829. For a long time previously it was not used for any purpose, and became much dilapidated. Some of the material from the building was used in stoning a well, dug near the Meeting-house in order to supply in part Mr. Hoar's barns with water.

The following papers, found at the State House, relate to the magazine, as well as to the Guard having it in charge:

State of Massachusetts Bay. Council Chamber, July 10. 1777.

Whereas it appears that it is absolutely necessary that a Magazine for powder should be erected in some Interior part of this State the other Magazines being insufficient or unsafe Therefore

Voted that it be and hereby is recommended to the Board of War to Enlarge the Magazine at Groton in the County of Middlesex Sufficient to Contain five hundred barrels of Powder

Read & Accepted JN<sup>o</sup> AVERY *Dp<sup>r</sup> Sec<sup>r</sup>*

[Indorsed] Order of Council recommending to the Board of War to enlarge the Powder Magazine at Groton July 10. 1777

(Massachusetts Archives, CLXXIII. 274)

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State of the Massachusetts Bay Council Chamber July 17<sup>th</sup> 1777.

Whereas the Board of Warr have deposited five hundred Barrills of powder in the magazine in Groton in the County of middlesex for the use of this State and it appears necessary that a Guard be Constantly kept at s<sup>d</sup> magazine for the Security thereof,

Therefore ordored that one Corporal and four privates be appointed by the Brigadier of the County of middlesex afores<sup>d</sup> from the militia in the s<sup>d</sup> Town of Groton for that purpose, who shall be allowed such pay and Subsistance as the General Court shall hereafter order; And the said Brigadeer is also ordered to take special Care that no person be inlisted into said Guard that is not known to be attached to the American Cause.

Read & Accepted JN<sup>o</sup> AVERY *Dp' Sec'*

[Indorsed] Order of Council to the Brigadier of the County of Middlesex to detach a Guard to guard the Magazine in Groton July 18. 1777

(Massachusetts Archives, CLXXIII. 290)

State of the Massachusetts Bay Council Chamber Nov<sup>r</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> 1777.

Whereas it hath been represented to this Board that the Guard which hath been kept at the magazine in Groton in the County of middlesex in Consequence of an order of Council passed July 17<sup>th</sup> 1777, is not Sufficient for the Security of the Stores deposited therein for the use of this State

Therefore ordered that the Brigadier of the County of Middlesex be & hereby is directed to inlist or Cause to be Drafted from the militia in the Town of Groton afores<sup>d</sup> one Sergeant & nine privates, to serve as a Guard for the afores<sup>d</sup> Stores, untill the further order of Council, who shall be allowed such pay & subsistance as the General Court shall hereafter order

read & Accepted JN<sup>o</sup> AVERY *D' Sec'*

[Indorsed] Order to the Brig<sup>r</sup> of the County of Middlesex to detach a Guard of a Serg<sup>t</sup> & 9 Privates for the Stores in Groton Nov<sup>r</sup> 7. 1777

(Massachusetts Archives, CLXXIII. 549)

Subsequently, on February 3, 1778, the General Court passed a Resolve "That there be allowed and paid out of the public treasury of this State unto the men stationed at *Groton*, for a guard, the same wages and rations that are allowed to the sea-coast men."

Two years later, on January 13, 1780, another Resolve was passed, directing Joseph Hosmer —

forthwith to remove all the powder in the magazine at *Groton*, to the following towns, *viz.* one third of it to *Concord*, one third to *Billerica*, and one third to *Woburn*, to be delivered into the care of the Selectmen of said towns, he taking their receipt therefor, which he is directed to lodge with the Board of War, and as soon as said powder is removed that the guards now doing duty at said magazine in *Groton*, be discharged from any further service there, and that said *Joseph Hosmer*, Esq; lay his account of the expence of removing the same before the Committee on accounts for allowance and payment.

This Resolve was afterward so far modified by the General Court, on May 4, that Joseph Hosmer was ordered "to deliver one third part of the powder aforesaid to the care of the Selectmen of *Groton*, and take their receipt for the same, the Resolve of the 12th [13th] of *January* to the contrary notwithstanding."

The following application to the Council, from Dr. Oliver Prescott, relates to the Revolutionary period, and will explain itself: —

May it please your Hon<sup>rs</sup>

The windows of the Publick meeting House & School house in the Town of *Groton* are very much broken and it is not in the power of the Selectmen to purchase a Box of Glass Unless it be from the Board of Warr, who have been so obliging as to inform me they would Sell a Box for that purpose by your Hon<sup>rs</sup> permission Therefore [I] earnestly request an order for that purpose which will much oblige the Town & Yours

Honour<sup>d</sup> most ob<sup>d</sup> & very Hm<sup>l</sup> Ser<sup>t</sup>

Oct<sup>r</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> 1779

OLIVER PRESCOTT

To the Hon<sup>le</sup> COUNCIL MASSACHUSETTS-BAY

Underneath is written the action of the Council, as follows: —

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In Council Oct<sup>r</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> 1779

Read & Ordered that the Board of War be and they hereby are directed to deliver the Honble Oliver Prescott Esq<sup>r</sup> One Box of Glass, he paying for the same.

Attest JOHN AVERY D Se<sup>r</sup>

[Indorsed] Application of Hble Oliver Prescott Esq<sup>r</sup> for a Box Glass — with  
Order to Board of War for y<sup>e</sup> Same Oct<sup>r</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> 1779

(Massachusetts Archives, CLXXV. 647)

Such papers give us a glimpse of some of the privations and annoyances to which the people were subjected during the Revolution.

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### *Powder-Mill at Pepperell*

The following letters, written during the Revolution by the Honorable James Prescott, of Groton, are found among the Massachusetts Archives at the State House, and have some local interest. At that period Mr. Prescott was a prominent character in the affairs of the town, and, whatever may have been his accomplishments in the way of spelling, he exerted a wide influence in all public matters. He filled many important offices; and at the beginning of the Revolution he was a member of the Provincial Congress and of the Board of War. His dwelling stood on the knoll, perhaps half a mile southeast of the village, on the Boston road, near the house of the late Phineas Gilman Prescott. For site of the powder-house, mentioned below, see page 231.

GROTON April 2<sup>d</sup> 1778

DEAR SIR

Yesterday I recived yours of the 26 : of March, There is now in the House 159 bb<sup>s</sup> of Powder, it will hold about 100 bb<sup>s</sup> more, the Powder you mentiond is not yet arived, the Snow fell this week with us 8 Inches Deep, which makes it Exceding Bad Cartging.

I have Got 50 or 60 Shirts on hand, Several webbs out in Doing, but when they will be Done is Very uncertain, also about thirty p<sup>r</sup>



of Shoes — labour is So Dear now I have Come to a Stand untill I have further Directions from y<sup>e</sup> Board, I will Send what is on hand if y<sup>e</sup> Board think Best, But it will be Very Expensive to Send on purpose, therefore Should Chuse to wait for a Convenient opportunity.

I am Still lame, But Gitting Better, (Very unhappy night to me) the Bisness of the Board is Very Extensive & Important, I know your unwearied pains & Labour by night & Day to Serve both Publick & private, without Even the prospeck of reward,

hope I shall Soon be able to attend the Board, it would give me Grate Pleasuer, if by any thing I Can Do, it would Contribet to the Publick Good, or in any measuer Serve to liten your heavy Burden

I am Gen<sup>l</sup> with Sincear regard  
your most obedient Hum<sup>l</sup> Ser<sup>t</sup>

JAMES PRESCOTT

[Superscribed] Hon<sup>le</sup> Presedent of the Board of War  
Boston

[Indorsed] Lett<sup>r</sup> f<sup>m</sup> Col<sup>o</sup> Prescott April 2<sup>d</sup> 1778  
(Massachusetts Archives, CCV. 324)

GROTON 24 : of July 1778

SIR Abner Whitney a young Gent<sup>n</sup> Brought up by m<sup>r</sup> Lewis in his Shop & Counting room applied to me for Some Employment & mentioned that he had heard there was a Vacancy at the Board — he is Desireous of making tryal — I Can recommend him as Very Honest faithfull young man may be Depended upon in anything he undertaks if it is agreeable to the Board to take him into there Service upon tryal they will oblige him & I hope he may Serve them to acceptance

I am very lame again the old wound is Broke out — when I shall be able to ride to Boston is uncertain

I am with respect your most  
obediant Ser<sup>t</sup>

JAMES PRESCOTT

Hon<sup>l</sup> SAM: PHIL: SAVAGE Esq<sup>r</sup>

[Superscribed] The Hon<sup>l</sup> Presedent of the Board of War

[Indorsed] Lett<sup>r</sup> from Jas Prescott Esq<sup>r</sup> Aug<sup>l</sup>. 24<sup>th</sup> 1778  
(Massachusetts Archives, CCV. 407)

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Jonathan Clark Lewis, mentioned on the preceding page, was a trader of Groton, whose shop stood a short distance north of the site of the present Town House.

SIR

GROTON 16: of Octo<sup>r</sup> 1778

I have Sent 15 Barrils Powder that quantity I Judged a full load for the Horses — I beleve they will meet with Difficulty to git along with it —

agreeable to your Desire have Cautioned the Gard not to leave one momint hope it will arive safe —

you have Sent me a wag<sup>a</sup> But no tacklin to Draw with therefore it will be useless till I am furnisht no Such tackin Can be got here —

There is about 90 bar<sup>ls</sup> of forrain powder left & 40 of Andover no news here, am Very lame, unable to ride or walk, have set still almost y<sup>e</sup> whole of y<sup>e</sup> time since I Came home

my Comple<sup>at</sup> to the Board

I am with respect your Hum<sup>le</sup> Ser<sup>t</sup>

JAMES PRESCOTT

The Hon. SAM. PHPS SAVAGE Esq<sup>r</sup>

[Superscribed] Hon<sup>l</sup>. Sam. Phps Savage Esq<sup>r</sup>

Presedent of the Board War

Boston

[Indorsed] Letter from James Prescott from Groton Oct<sup>r</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> 1778

(Massachusetts Archives, CCV. 422)

GROTON 5: of June 1779

DEAR SIR

I rec<sup>d</sup> yours this morning at three o'Clock by m<sup>r</sup>. Wendel wherein you request me to Send one Hundred Barrils of powder — I have procuer<sup>d</sup> most of the teems, you may Expect the Powder in next wensday morning very Early, the teemsters will Expect their money paid them on Delivering the powder, as they turn out at such Season & no warning

I am with Grate respect your most

Obediant Ser<sup>t</sup>

SAM. P: SAVAGE Esq<sup>r</sup>

JAMES PRESCOTT

[Superscribed] Sam. P. Savage Esq<sup>r</sup>

Presedent of the Board of War

Boston

(Massachusetts Archives, CCV. 473)

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GROTON 5: of June 1779

SIR

I Send you 100 Barrils of powder — the teemsters will Expect their money if it will be Convenient for the Board to pay them as they Turn out in this Extraordinry Bissey Season — the lowest Sum I Could agree for the Journey is twenty Shillings p<sup>r</sup> mile the amount is 40<sup>£</sup> Each —

I have Exerted myself & hope it will be acceptable — in Grate hast am your

most Obediant Ser<sup>t</sup>

JAMES PRESCOTT

N B: I have given in Charge if it rains to Secure y<sup>e</sup> powed in y<sup>e</sup> Best manner they Can & if they are Detained a Day on their Journey by reason of rain they are to have the addition of their Expenses while they are Detained

The PRESEDENT of the Board of War

pray y<sup>e</sup> Board to Give order for my Bag of Coffee & Caug of Rum

[Indorsed] James Prescott July 5<sup>th</sup> 1779

deliverd	99 bbl <sup>s</sup>
ullage	1
	<hr/> 100 Bbls

(Massachusetts Archives, CCV. 480)

GROTON 14: of July 1779

GEN<sup>r</sup>

You write me that one Barril in Bartlets Cart was Broke, & was one thurd out when it arived, & Chuse to know the State of facts before you pay him — I was present when the powder was loaded, & took all the Care I Could in that Hurry there was one Barril put into the Cart that was tender, Bartlet was Sum Consernd about it when it was put into the Cart, it was well Stowed, I was not apprized of its Being so week, the Barrils have Stood So long that the hoops want Driveing, But at that time Could not Git a Cooper to assist, I have Sent by him all the powder heretofore, know him to be an Honest faithfull man. I Do not think he was Negligent or Carless, as to the Barrils not being full, is no rule to Judge by, for when I opened & Shifted the powder, some of the Barrils wanted about 1-3<sup>d</sup> & 1-4 of being full, I am Informed the Sittuation of the Bar<sup>l</sup> in the Cart was Such, that the Bar<sup>l</sup> Did not Burst, but one head

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Sprung out on one Side, So that the loss of the powder was not very Considerable, I shall not be at Boston Soon is accation of my Giving you the trouble of this letter, the man is poor & wants his money, if you Gentlemen are Satisfied that he was not in fault hope you will Send him the money by the Barer hereof — Doc<sup>t</sup> Prescott —

I am with real Regard your Frind  
& very Hum<sup>l</sup> Ser<sup>t</sup>

JAMES PRESCOTT

THE BOARD OF WAR

[Superscribed] The Presedent of the Board of War Boston  
[Indorsed] Groton 14 July 1779. Col<sup>t</sup> Prescot's Letter  
(Massachusetts Archives, CCV. 484)

GROTON 20: of July 1779

GENTLE<sup>N</sup>

I Rec<sup>d</sup> your favour of the 19<sup>th</sup> Instant at Nine o'Clock in the Evening, agreeable to your Desire Send you a return of the powder in the magasin at Groton, there is 33 Barrels of foreign & 16 of american powder, in the whole 49, it is very rainny this morning; Shall Dispatch the messenger as soon as he Can ride, am much obliged to you for the Newspapers

I Rejoyce to here the fleet have Sail<sup>d</sup> Sincerely hope thay will meet with the Desired Suckcess

I am with the Gratest respect

Gent<sup>t</sup> your most obliged Hum<sup>l</sup> Ser<sup>t</sup>

JAMES PRESCOTT

THE BOARD OF WAR

[Indorsed] July 1779 returns powder at Groton  
(Massachusetts Archives, CCV. 485)

GROTON 9: of August 1779

SIR

You write me to Send you a load of powder in the Cover<sup>d</sup> Wagon now with me, which I Cant Complie with, for I have no Tacklin Sent with it to Draw by, therefore if I Send the powder as you propose I must Git Some Horse Tackin fitted for that purpose only which will be an Expence I wish to avoide, I suppose you may Send two of Co<sup>n</sup> Revers Soldiers with 4 : or 5 of your Horses, let them ride two & lead the others with Sutable tackin to Draw by in a bagg &c. I have Got the Saddle for the Horse that Goes behind only Bring the

tackin for the other Horses, this I think will be the Best way & most Saving to the publick, But you are Good Judges of this matter & will Direct as you think proper, if you think Best not to Send for it in the way I have propose<sup>d</sup> Give me a line & I will Send you the powder without Delay — Doc<sup>t</sup> Lawrence has Deliver<sup>d</sup> the fifteen Barr's you mention<sup>d</sup> in your last Shall send your letter now re<sup>d</sup> Immediatly agreeable to your request —

I hope with you we Shall Soon hear Good news from Penobscot, I sincerely wish Suckcess to American Arms which way So ever they are turn<sup>d</sup>

I am with real resp<sup>t</sup>

Your most obediant Ser<sup>t</sup>

SAM. P. SAVAGE Esq<sup>r</sup>:

JAMES PRESCOTT

[Superscribed] Sam<sup>l</sup> P. Savage Esq<sup>r</sup>.  
Presedent of the Board War  
Boston.

[Indorsed] From Col<sup>o</sup> Prescott respg Powder Aug<sup>t</sup> 9. 1779  
(Massachusetts Archives, CCV. 493)

State of the powder mill at Pepperrell is as follows Built on a Large Stream, a full Supply of Water — goes with sixty Pestles — said mill is thirty Eight feet in Length & twenty Eight feet in wedth well Covered: now fitt for use with a little repairing of the Sives &c and some other of its, Utenciles; A Drying House built near by; prepaired for Clarifying y<sup>e</sup> Nitir & Drying & Stoaring y<sup>e</sup> Powder &c. Have made only about two Tuns of powder for this State 15<sup>c</sup> of which I deposited in the Magaziene last Week at Groton according to order of Board of War. about 25<sup>c</sup> now at y<sup>e</sup> mill not proof. by reason of y<sup>e</sup> Nitir & Sulphur not being pure, as Colo: Burbeck Certifies: (tho well made & dryed) For further Information See General Prescotts Letter.

Gentm. Your most Obed<sup>t</sup> hum<sup>le</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>  
to Serve You in what I may

EPHM LAWRENCE

PEPPERRELL Aug<sup>t</sup> 12. 1779.

To Honrab<sup>le</sup> SAM<sup>l</sup>: PHIL: SAVAGE Prest. to Communicate

[Indorsed] From Ep<sup>m</sup> Lawrence giving an acc<sup>t</sup> of y<sup>e</sup> State of y<sup>e</sup> Powder Mill under his care Aug<sup>t</sup> 12. 1779

(Massachusetts Archives, CCV. 501)

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This powder-mill was situated near the west end of the upper bridge over the Nashua River in the village of East Pepperell. It stood close to the present site of the brick counting-house of the paper-mills, and the water-power was afterward used for a fulling-mill. The drying-house was on the opposite side of the road. Ephraim Lawrence, who signs the statement, was a physician at Pepperell, and probably in charge of the mill. He was a son of Deacon Peleg and Ruth Lawrence; and at the time of his death he left a large family of children, among whom was the late Dr. Ebenezer Lawrence, of Hampton, New Hampshire.

When the Revolution broke out, Dr. Oliver Prescott, — the younger brother of James, who wrote the preceding letters, and of William, the hero of Bunker Hill, — was perhaps the most noted as well as the most influential man in Groton. He was a graduate of Harvard College in the class of 1750, and a member of various scientific societies. The following suggestion made by him to the Committee of Safety is found in Peter Force's "American Archives," fourth series (II. 385): —

Groton, April 24, 1775.

GENTLEMEN: I think if an order should pass for the establishment of a Town Guard, to be kept in a prudent manner, in every Town in this Province, it would have a great tendency to deter and detect villains and their accomplices. The passes that people bring this way are generally without date, or assignment to any person or place, so that a man may pass to *Africa* with the same order. Pardon my freedom, and allow me to subscribe, gentlemen, your most obedient, very humble servant,

OLIVER PRESCOTT.

To the Committee of Safety.

Another letter written by Dr. Prescott, who at this time was a Brigadier General, is preserved among the Shattuck Manuscripts of the New England Historic, Genealogical Society. It gives some interesting facts concerning the Middlesex militia, and is as follows: —

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SIR,

In persuance of your ordors Rec<sup>d</sup> the 14<sup>th</sup> I have caused the militia of the County of middlesex to be mustered and have caused to be Drafted therefrom every fifth able bodied man under fifty years of age &c agreeable to the Resolves of the Gen<sup>l</sup> Assembly of this State of the 12<sup>th</sup> instant, and formed the s<sup>d</sup> men into Companies and appointed their Respective Officers in the following manner, viz.

N <sup>o</sup> 1. Cambridge	33 men	Cap <sup>t</sup> John Walton of Cambridge
Charlestown	7	1 <sup>st</sup> L <sup>t</sup>
Malden	9	2 <sup>d</sup> D <sup>o</sup>
Medford	13	
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	62.	
N <sup>o</sup> 2. Watertown	15	Cap <sup>t</sup> Edward Fuller of Newton
Newton	19	1 <sup>st</sup> L <sup>t</sup> Josiah Capen of Watertown
Waltham	13	2 <sup>d</sup> D <sup>o</sup> Isaac Hager of Waltham
Weston	18	
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	65.	
N <sup>o</sup> 3. Woburn	20	Cap <sup>t</sup> Samuel Belnap of Woburn
Reading	26	1 <sup>st</sup> L <sup>t</sup>
Wilmington	13	2 <sup>d</sup> D <sup>o</sup>
Stoneham	4	
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	63.	
N <sup>o</sup> 4. Concord	23	Cap <sup>t</sup> Simon Hunt of Acton
Lexington	16	1 <sup>st</sup> L <sup>t</sup> Samuel Heald of Concord
Acton	15	2 <sup>d</sup> D <sup>o</sup> Eben <sup>r</sup> White of Lexington
Lincoln	12	
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	66.	
N <sup>o</sup> 5. Sudbury	35	Cap <sup>t</sup> Amasa Cranson of Marlbor <sup>o</sup>
Marlbor <sup>o</sup>	31	1 <sup>st</sup> L <sup>t</sup> Nath <sup>l</sup> Sergeant of Stow
Stow	16	2 <sup>d</sup> D <sup>o</sup> Nath <sup>l</sup> Smith of Sudbury
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N <sup>o</sup> 6. Framingham	27	Cap <sup>t</sup> Aaron Gardner of Sherburn
Sherburn	15	1 <sup>st</sup> L <sup>t</sup> Lawssen Buckminister of Framingham
Hopkinston	20	2 <sup>d</sup> D <sup>o</sup> Isaac Clark of Hopkinton.
Holliston	15	
Natick	9	
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	86.	
N <sup>o</sup> 7. Groton	29	Cap <sup>t</sup> Thomas Warren of Townshend
Pepperrell	17	1 <sup>st</sup> L <sup>t</sup> James Lawrance of Pepperrell
Townshend	15	2 <sup>d</sup> D <sup>o</sup> Joseph Rockwood of Groton
Ashby	8	
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	69.	
N <sup>o</sup> 8. Chelmsford	21 men	Cap <sup>t</sup> Zach. Wright of Westford
Dunstable	12	1 <sup>st</sup> L <sup>t</sup> Nath <sup>l</sup> Holden of Dunstable
Dracutt	18	2 <sup>d</sup> D <sup>o</sup> Rob <sup>t</sup> Spaulding of Chelmsford
Westford	18	
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	69.	
N <sup>o</sup> 9. Billerica	22	Cap <sup>t</sup> Solomon Kidder of Billerica
Tukesbury	12	1 <sup>st</sup> L <sup>t</sup> Daniel Kimball of Littleton
Bedford	10	2 <sup>d</sup> D <sup>o</sup> Tim <sup>o</sup> Rogers of Tukesbury
Littleton	12	
Shirley	9	
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	65.	

I have also formed the afores<sup>d</sup> Companies into one Reg<sup>t</sup> and appointed

Eleazer Brooks Esq <sup>r</sup> of Lincoln to be the Col <sup>o</sup>	
Micah Stone Esq <sup>r</sup> of Framingham	L <sup>t</sup> Col <sup>o</sup>
Eben <sup>t</sup> Bancroft Esq <sup>r</sup> of Dunstable	Major
M <sup>r</sup> Moses Adams of Framingham	Chaplain
M <sup>r</sup> Joseph Hunt of Acton	Surgeon Mate
Daniel Loring of Sudbury	Adjut.
Samuel Hartwell of Lincoln	Quartermaster



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I have directed the s<sup>d</sup> Col<sup>o</sup> Brooks to order the several Captains afores<sup>d</sup> to march their Respective Companies, as soon as possible, in the best & most proper Road, to Horse Neck [West Greenwich, Connecticut], according to the Resolves of the Gen<sup>l</sup> Assembly of this State, & agreeable to the Directions and for the purposes therein Expressed. Col<sup>o</sup> Brooks informs me this day that he hath given marching ordors for Saturday next for the whole Reg<sup>t</sup>

I am, Sir, with the greatest Respect, your most obedient and very hbl Ser<sup>t</sup>

OLIVER PRESCOTT

GROTON Sept<sup>r</sup> 26<sup>th</sup> 1776.

N. B. Col<sup>o</sup> Thatcher & Col<sup>o</sup> Fox Engaged to fill up their Companies and Return the Names of the Lieut<sup>s</sup> before the Time appointed to march.

Generall [JAMES] WARREN

[Indorsed] Brig<sup>t</sup> Prescotts return of every fifth man Drafted from his Brigade  
Sep<sup>r</sup> 1776

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### *Daniel Farnsworth*

The following notice taken from "The Continental Journal, and Weekly Advertiser" (Boston), January 2, 1777, shows the want of postal facilities which existed during the Revolutionary period. At that time there were but few post-offices in New England, and letters for Groton were sent first to the Boston Office, and afterward forwarded through private channels. This explains the statement that "letters are uncertain."

To Mr. DANIEL FARNSWORTH, of Groton, in the state of  
Massachusetts-Bay :

SIR,

THE privateer you are concerned in has taken and sent a prize to a safe port. — I take this method to acquaint you of it, as letters are uncertain. — When I see you shall be able to give a more particular account about it.

From your friend and humble servant,

D. R.

Providence, December 25, 1776.

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### *Dr. Samuel Gelston*

Before the Revolutionary period Dr. Samuel Gelston was a well-known physician in the Province of Massachusetts. At one time, in connection with Dr. John Warren, he had a hospital at the barracks in Castle William, Boston Harbor, for the treatment of patients who had been inoculated for small-pox. An advertisement, setting forth the general details of the establishment, appears in "The Boston Post-Boy & Advertiser," March 5, 1764. At another time he lived at Nantucket, having previously managed a small-pox hospital on Martha's Vineyard. In the early part of the Revolutionary War he was a tory of a pronounced type, and both by word and deed incurred the bitter hatred of the patriots. The feeling was so strong that the attention of the General Court, then sitting at Watertown, was called to his case, and by their order he was arrested at Falmouth. On January 17, 1776, the Council passed a Resolution concerning Dr. Gelston as a person "unfriendly to the Liberties of this Country," and putting him under bonds of one thousand Pounds for his future behavior and appearance before the Court, whenever wanted; but the House of Representatives non-concurred, and passed another Resolution much more stringent. Six days later it is recorded in the printed Journal of January 23: —

*Joseph Palmer, Esq*; brought down the Resolve of the House for confining Doct. *Gelston*, with the following Vote of Council thereon, *viz.*

In Council, *January 22d, 1776.*

Read and concurr'd, and the Board having reconsiderd their former Vote, passed the following Resolve, *viz.*

That the said *Samuel Gelston*, be sent to the Town of *Groton* in the County of *Middlesex*, and that he give Bond with two good Sureties to the Treasurer of this Colony in the Penal Sum of *One Thousand Pounds*, the Condition whereof shall be, that he the said

*Samuel* will not depart out of the Limits of the said Town of *Groton*, until the further Order of this Court, and that he will not in any wise assist or correspond with any of the Enemies of this Country, and that he will be of good and peaceable Behaviour towards all Persons who are friendly to *American* Liberty, and that he will at any Time appear and answer to any Complaint which may be made against him, when he shall be thereto required by Order of this Court, and that he will abide their Order thereon ;

And on failure of the said *Samuel's* giving Bond as aforesaid, *Resolved*, That he be committed to the Goal in *Newbury Port*, until the further Order of this Court.

Sent down for Concurrence.

Read and non-concurred, and the House adhere to their own Vote. (Pages 194, 195.)

From the tenor of the Resolve passed by the House, it is evident that that body thought that Dr. Gelston should not have his freedom under any contingency, and that he should be securely guarded in jail. While the Council and the House were at variance, Dr. Gelston escaped from the messenger of the General Court and ran off, though he was subsequently retaken at Newport, Rhode Island, and brought back to Watertown. John Brown, another tory, who was bribed to aid Gelston in this attempt, was captured at the same time with him ; and they both were brought back together. After this episode the two legislative bodies soon came to an agreement, when they ordered the men to be confined in some jail, until they should be set free by the Council, though no particular jail was specified.

At the time of his capture Brown had in his possession about ten pounds of India tea, which was ordered by the General Court to be burned publicly, at five o'clock in the afternoon of Saturday, February 3. "The Boston-Gazette, and Country Journal" (Watertown), February 5, 1776, gives the following account of the affair : —

Saturday last was burnt in this town, pursuant to an order of the General Court, by the door-keeper, a quantity of Bohea Tea,

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taken from one John Brown, a person who for Fifty Dollars, rescued and convey'd away, from the custody of the Court's Messenger, Dr. Samuel Gelston, who had been apprehended by the Court, for supplying the Enemy with Provisions ; he was retaken with the said Brown at Rhode-Island and bro't back to this Town, where they now are under close Guard.

For an account of the Gelston Family, see " The New York Genealogical and Biographical Record " (II. 131-138) for July, 1871.

There is in the library of the Massachusetts Historical Society a small hand-bill, which reads as follows : —

### ADVERTISEMENT.

*Watertown, January 26, 1776.*

**R**AN AWAY from the custody of the Messenger of the General Court, a certain Dr. *Samuel Gelston*, belonging to *Nantucket*, a short well set man ; had on when he went away a reddish Sheepskin coat, dress'd with the wool inside, and a scarlet waistcoat ; he was apprehended as an enemy to this country, 'tis suppos'd he will attempt escaping to the enemy, by the way of *Nantucket*, *Rhode-Island*, or *New-York*.-----Whoever will take up said Gelston and deliver him to the messenger of the House of Representatives, shall be well rewarded for his time and expence.

<i>William Story,</i>	} Committee of
<i>Nathaniel Freeman,</i>	
<i>Ebenezer White,</i>	
	} the House of
	} Representatives

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### *Capt. John Williams*

A notice, signed by Colonel Rufus Putnam, is printed in " The Continental Journal, and Weekly Advertiser " (Boston), May 29, 1777, which gives a list of the officers then engaged in recruiting for his regiment. Among the names there mentioned is that of John Williams, of Groton, who soon afterward was commissioned as a captain in the army, and later became

an original member of the Massachusetts Society of the Cincinnati. In the Memorials of that association (Boston, 1890), edited by James McKellar Bugbee, the following sketch of him, as well as of his son, John, Jr., is given: —

## John Williams.

He was the son of John, Jr., and Elizabeth (Cutter) Williams; b. Groton, Mass., 4 July, 1746; d. there 1 July, 1822. He was an ensign in Prescott's reg. at Bunker Hill; 1st lieut. in 1776; com. capt. 7 July, 1777, in the 12th reg., and was in Vose's (1st) reg. from 1781 to its disbandment, 3 Nov. 1783. He m. Molly Everett, and had twelve children, five of whom d. young.

## JOHN WILLIAMS.

Eldest son of Capt. John, whom he succ. in 1826; b. Groton, Mass., 1 April, 1774; d. in Dover, Mass., leaving a widow, Sally B., who was æ. 77 in 1859. (Pages 516, 517.)

According to an advertisement in the same newspaper, three weeks later (June 19), the town of Groton was to receive ninety-eight bushels of salt out of the public stores belonging to the State.

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## *William Nutting's Diary*

William Nutting was a son of Lieutenant William and Jane (Boynton) Nutting, and was born at Groton, on July 10, 1752. He was a corporal in Captain Lawrence's company of minute-men that marched from Groton on April 19, after the Lexington alarm. A large part of his Diary is printed in the Groton Historical Series (III. 383-399). To a casual reader the following memoranda may seem trivial and unimportant; but any fact connected with the events of the Revolutionary period has some interest.

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May 15<sup>th</sup> [1777] Training day; 16 men drafted for 9 months.

I paid my rates for Town & State yearly Tax to Oliver Fletcher Constable for 1776 3—2—9—0 also a rate for raising men &c a tax wholly on acc<sup>t</sup> of y<sup>e</sup> war — £5—5—1—1 to Ezekiel Fletcher Constable for 1777

[July] y<sup>e</sup> 23 y<sup>e</sup> Companies met in y<sup>e</sup> Trining field, to get one half y<sup>e</sup> men to go to Providence — Rhode island

Octo<sup>r</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> 1777 Set out towards y<sup>e</sup> Northard Army

Expences while gone to y<sup>e</sup> Army &c  $\begin{smallmatrix} \text{£} & & \text{s} & & \text{D} \\ 3 & - & 11 & - & 10 \end{smallmatrix}$

Novem<sup>r</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> Came home from y<sup>e</sup> Army

[July] y<sup>e</sup> 30<sup>th</sup> [1778] was alarm, men wanted to go to Rhode Island

[Aug.] y<sup>e</sup> 22<sup>d</sup> was training to Raise men &c.

[Nov.] y<sup>e</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> the Comp<sup>y</sup> of metrosses met at y<sup>e</sup> meeting house.

W<sup>d</sup> [March] 31<sup>st</sup> [1779] y<sup>e</sup> Northend Comp<sup>y</sup> Chose Cap<sup>t</sup> Job Shattuck for their Cap<sup>t</sup> instead of Cap<sup>t</sup> Shattuck Blood.

[June] y<sup>e</sup> 13<sup>th</sup> [1780] Spent 1 day warning a Town meeting for y<sup>e</sup> Purpose of Raising men for y<sup>e</sup> Army

July 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, & 8<sup>th</sup>; I spent 3 days in warning a Town meeting for y<sup>e</sup> purpose of Raising men for y<sup>e</sup> Army, & Raising money for y<sup>e</sup> Town.

Monday July y<sup>e</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> 1780 the Town met for y<sup>e</sup> Above purposes. I spent  $\frac{1}{2}$  day.

July 31<sup>st</sup> 1781. gave my Note to Thom<sup>s</sup> Wasson of Shirley for Sixty Dollars Silver — endorst fifteen Dollars on s<sup>d</sup> Note. I paid Eight Dollars & 6 coppers. M<sup>r</sup> Gragg Paid 41/8 — S<sup>d</sup> Note is for a bounty to s<sup>d</sup> T. Wasson to engage him to go into y<sup>e</sup> Army for 3 months for Class N<sup>o</sup> 10 of Groton

Wed. 23<sup>d</sup> [Oct., 1782] Training 2 companys.

Tues<sup>r</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> [Oct., 1783] General Training Col<sup>l</sup> Woods' Regt the Metross Comp<sup>y</sup> Din'd at L<sup>t</sup> Abel Bancroft's expence 2/6 each at Dinner.

Sat<sup>r</sup> 22<sup>d</sup> [Feb. 1800] attended a meeting at the meeting house where m<sup>r</sup> Dana D<sup>d</sup> an Oration on the Death of Washington — the Several Companies of Militia met &c &c.

### *Moses Child*

A few years ago Samuel Mitchell Child, Esq., a lawyer of Boston, placed in my hands for examination certain old papers which once belonged to his great-great-grandfather, Moses Child, of Groton.

The earliest of these papers is dated at Watertown, March 31, 1763, and signed by John Remington, Collector of the Duties of Excise, giving to Mr. Child permission "to sell Rum, and other Distilled Spirits and Wine." Another paper is dated at Cambridge, May, 1774, and informs the Selectmen of the town that Messrs. John Sawtell, Moses Child, and George Peirce were licensed as Innholders during the previous year, and also that Jonathan Clark Lewis, Jonas Cutler, and William Swan were licensed as Retailers for the same period; and then notifies the Selectmen that the time for renewing the licenses would be on Tuesday, September 13. Among these old papers is Mr. Child's account-book, bearing date June 5, 1761, which was in use for seven years; and from the numerous charges to his customers for rum, brandy, and flip, it would seem as if he was a wholesale dealer in liquors rather than a retailer. In one place he writes: "March ye 7 [1773?] Capt Shattuck and Isaac Bowers begun to Take the Newspapers;" and later, in another place, he says: "Capt Asa Lawrance paid for three months for the Nues papers £0:3:4:0." Did he furnish his neighbors with their weekly papers as well as with their liquid stimulants?

Moses Child was the second son of Isaac and Anna (Adams) Child, and born at Watertown, on April 6, 1731. He was married to Sarah Stiles, of Lunenburg; and they settled at Groton, where their eight children were born. During the French and Indian War he held a commission as Ensign, which is now in the possession of the Maine Historical Society at Portland, according to Blood's "History of

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Temple," New Hampshire (page 211). In November, 1775, he was one of two persons, commissioned by General Washington, and sent at the public expense to Nova Scotia, "to inquire into the state of that Colony, the disposition of the inhabitants towards the American cause, and the condition of the fortifications, dock yards, the quantity of the warlike stores, and the number of soldiers, sailors and ships of war there; and to transmit the earliest intelligence to Gen. Washington." His commission for this service is printed in full in the "Genealogy of the Child, Childs and Childe Families" (page 546).

Mr. Child served also as an officer in the Revolution, and was present at Burgoyne's surrender. A grant of land lying within the District of Maine was made to him and others for their military services. The tract was then called Tyngstown, in honor of Capt. James Tyng, but is now known as Wilton, and lies in Franklin County, Maine. Among these Child manuscripts is a list of the original proprietors of the township, and other papers relating to the laying out of that settlement.

About the year 1790 Mr. Child removed to Temple, New Hampshire, where he lived until his death, which took place on February 8, 1793. His widow survived him for a quarter of a century, and died on June 3, 1818.

The following copies are made from manuscripts among these papers: —

PEPPRILL April 7<sup>th</sup> 28<sup>th</sup> 1778

This may Certify that I have accepted of Amos Blood to do a turn in the Service of the four Newengland States till the first Day of January next for and in the room of Joseph Rockwood.

JOSEPH BOYNTON *Capt*

May th<sup>e</sup> 7 1778

this may Certify that Asa Kemp of groton have inlisted and Ingaged to Serve in the army of the vnited State til the first of January next under Cap<sup>t</sup> Joseph Boynton of pepperril In Behalf of Benjamin Tarbel of Groton

JOSEPH BOYNTON *Capt*



May 1777 to Two months Service of my son John at Rhode Island

April 1778 to Three months Service of my self at Cambridge

Aug<sup>t</sup> 1778 to six weeks Service of my son John at Rhode Island

PETER STEVENS

## *Capt. Abraham Childs*

The following notice of an aged citizen appeared in the "Columbian Centinel," January 11, 1834. During the last century Captain Childs built and occupied the house in Groton where the late Charles Woolley in recent years lived for so long a time, situated on School Street, near Hollis Street. He bought the parcel of land of Jephtha Richardson, a tavern-keeper and son of Converse Richardson, a blacksmith, who before this time had a shop on it, nearly opposite to the site of the late Nathaniel Livermore's house. Captain Childs's eldest son, David, married Mrs. Susanna (Bentley) Woolley, widow of Captain Charles Woolley (*b.* 1768, *d.* 1802), as her second husband.

The article was written by George Fowle, a schoolmaster of Boston, from facts furnished by Mr. Woolley. Such sketches of Revolutionary characters are always of value, inasmuch as they have an interest for the inhabitants as well as for the local historian. Captain Childs's wife was Rebecca Stowell, of Waltham, who died on November 14, 1830. He spelled his surname with a final "s," but the children dropped it.

The following very interesting sketch of one of our Revolutionary heroes, from a correspondent, will be read with great interest. Such characters add a degree of romance to the history of the Revolution.

### *Biographical Sketch of Capt. Abraham Child.*

Died, at Groton, (Mass) on Friday, the 3d inst., after a short indisposition, Capt. ABRAHAM CHILD, aged 92. The remnant of our revolutionary worthies is fast disappearing, and it is useful to

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collect their testimony of the 'heroic age' of our fathers, as each assists in bringing the struggle more home to our bosoms. The subject of this sketch was born at Waltham, August 12th, 1741. The estate on which he was born, has been in the possession of the same family for more than a century — a fact worthy of notice, as evincing the sound judgment and untiring industry, which are peculiar traits of their character.

At the age of fifteen, Abraham was apprenticed to a blacksmith, with whom he continued 2 years ; when, no longer controlling his patriotic ardor, he joined the company of Capt. William Jones, of Medford, in the regiment of Col. Saltonstall, of Haverhill, and marched to join the army under General Amherst, appointed to invade Canada. After aiding in the captures of Ticonderoga and Crown Point, and being engaged in several skirmishes, he wintered with the army at Crown Point, 1760. Marching in the spring upon Montreal, they were compelled, after a severe action at Silsery, to fall back upon Quebec ; from whence, finally concentrating their forces under Amherst, upon Montreal, the reduction of Canada was effected, and our soldier enabled to resume his trade, at which he continued until 1762, when he again entered the service under Capt. William Baldwin, of Chelmsford, of Col. Hoar's regiment, marched to Boston, took shipping to Halifax, and thence sailed to aid in the reduction of some French posts in the Gulf of St. Lawrence. Upon the accomplishment of which, returning to Halifax, he there spent the winter, working at his trade. At the peace of '63, he returned home. In 1767, he married one, whose subsequent conduct proved her a fit partner for a "Son of Liberty." In 1774, when the Provincial Congress deemed it necessary to organize more thoroughly a military force, he was appointed Lieutenant of Capt. Abijah Child's company of 'Minute Men.' In the following year he warmly engaged in the pursuit of the English at the battle of Lexington. Then entering the States' service for 8 months, as Lieutenant of Captain J. Williams's company, in Col. Baldwin's regiment, he assisted in proving "Yankee Cowardice" upon Bunker's Hill. At the expiration of his time he enlisted for one year. After the evacuation of Boston, he marched to New York, and suffered at the defeat of Long Island, in the summer of '76. Retreating with the main army through the Jerseys, into Pennsylvania, he was one of that determined band, which, headed by Washington, resolved to

turn the current of success, or perish ere their country's chains were rivetted. Victory at Trenton crowning the endeavor, our soldier returned home with the rank of Captain in Colonel Western's regiment. In 1777 he took command of 300 men, whom he had assisted in recruiting, and joined General Gates in time to aid at the capture of Burgoyne. Returning to the main army, he passed the winter at Valley Forge, where he endured hardships, compared with which, his former sufferings were pleasures. But the following summer, as he stated, he thoroughly warmed himself at Monmouth. Water not being attainable, his soldiers stove in a hogshead of brandy, and madly assuaged their overpowering thirst, without more effect arising therefrom than if it had been so much water.

In 1779 he was appointed to the command of a company of Light Infantry, under Major William Hull ; and on the 15th of July, as senior Captain of the Infantry, he headed the assault at the storming of Stoney Point. General Wayne, to prevent the possibility of early discovery, ordered the muskets to be unloaded, and the flints withdrawn. Advancing thus, in solid columns to the assault, they suddenly displayed [deployed] to the right and left, sprang boldly to the walls, under a murderous fire of grape and musketry from the now aroused Britons, and gained the ramparts with the exulting shout of " Hurrah ! the fort is ours ! " We have the authority of the late General Hull, to state, that the first man who gained the rampart and raised the cry of victory, was our enthusiastic Captain. In the act of parrying a thrust from a British officer, Captain Child received a slight wound in the hand, which was the only injury he received through all his campaigns.

Soon after this, domestic affairs imperiously calling for his presence, he bade a final adieu to the army. His wife, meanwhile, had nobly proved herself the virtuous and patriotic matron. She had almost, through her own exertions, (her husband's pay being almost nominal,) clothed and maintained her children comfortably — had educated them as well as the times admitted, (several of them in after years taught our country schools,) and indeed, to the time of her death, in 1831, proved herself worthy of those times of closest trial. After residing several years in Wendall, he removed in 1795, to Groton, Mass. In 1818 he applied for, and received, the half-pay pension. During the remainder of his eventful life, beloved

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and respected, he calmly pursued his course, retaining all his faculties and strength to the last, and finally expired —

“Like one who wraps the drapery of his couch  
“About him, and lies down to pleasant dreams.”

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### *A Singular Petition*

The following paper is found among the manuscripts of the Massachusetts Historical Society: —

COLONEL READ —

SIR

Whereas we your unworthy Petitioners, having Sometime since made choice of a Number of Persons for officers in this 2<sup>d</sup> Company in your Hon<sup>r</sup> Regiment; and having Since, been more fully acquainted with Said Persons conduct, & capacities for Such offices; we beg Leave to Inform your Hon<sup>r</sup> that it is our opinion, that Some of Said men who have been unadvisedly chosen by this company, are men of Such Low, and week capacities, that they are neither capable of doing Service to your Honour, or of diseyplining of us, (their Soldiers,) Neither of advancing the Noble cause of Liberty, (in which we voluntarily & chearfully engage;) we therefore humbly confess, we have chosen men to Stand in offices, in your Hon<sup>r</sup> Regiment, which (upon further consideration) we think, are not Suitable Persons for Such offices : — Therefore, may it Please your Honnour, to Grant this company the liberty of a New choice of officers in this company: (viz) the North-end company of Groton) — For in So doing your Hon<sup>r</sup> will much Gratifie us your unworthy Petitioners of S<sup>d</sup> Company; and Shall have our best endeavours to Promote & advance your Honour; and the Noble Cause of Liberty in which we chearfully Engage —

JACOB PARKER	JACOB WILLIAMS
NATHANIEL SHATTUCK	LEVI PARKER
JOHN HAZEN	DAUID WOODS
WILLIAM FARWELL	WILLIAM DERUMPLE
BENJ <sup>a</sup> HAZEN	JONATHAN WOODS
DAUID HAZEN	REUBEN CUMINGS
EZEKIEL NUTTING	SAMUEL BOYDEN
EZEKIEL NUTTING Ju <sup>r</sup>	BEJAMIN SIMSON
ASA PORTER	

GROTON may y<sup>e</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> 1776

*An Exception*

The record of Groton men who enlisted during the Revolution was highly creditable to the town, and there is no reason why the exceptions should be kept back. Her soldiers served throughout the war with honor and distinction; and the following item from "The Independent Chronicle. And the Universal Advertiser" (Boston), May 22, 1777, does not materially affect their good name and reputation : —

At a General Court Martial, held in this Town last Week, by Order of General Heath, Lieut. Col. Thomas Farrington, of Groton, State of Massachusetts, being found guilty of receiving and passing counterfeit Money, knowing it to be such, was unanimously adjudged to be discharged from the Army, and rendered incapable of acting any more as an Officer in the Continental Service. He was committed to Goal on Monday last, to be dealt with by the Civil Law, according to his atrocious Crime.

Farrington, I fear, was a man of bad repute ; and the following declaration, found in "The Boston-Gazette, and Country Journal," July 7, 1777, does not add to his character : —

Boston, July 5, 1777.

**I** THOMAS FARRINGTON, of Groton, in the County of Middlesex, and State of the Massachusetts-Bay, in New-England, Esquire, of lawful age, testify and declare, That whereas it hath been publicly, and by many persons reported, that William Smith, of Fish-Kills, in the State of New-York, Esquire, lately employed in the Continental service as an engineer, hath been concerned, either in counterfeiting, altering, or passing bills in imitation of bills of the Continental currency, and that I know him to be, in some way or other, concerned as aforesaid. I hereby publish to the world, that I never knew the said William Smith concerned either in counterfeiting, altering, or passing any such bills, or any other, but such as he might lawfully pass to any person whatsoever ; and that I never had any reason to think that he hath been concerned in any such mal-practices, either directly or indirectly : And I further

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declare, that I cannot account for the forementioned report, concerning said Smith's being any way concerned with counterfeit money than this, viz. I was once in company with said Smith at a public house in Medford, in the County of Middlesex aforesaid, and when the said Smith there opened his pocket-book to pay his reckoning, I thought I saw one or more bills therein of the Continental currency, which at the distance I stood from him appeared to me to have a pale complexion, which made me suspect them to be counterfeits; but I have no reason to think that the said Smith knew them to be so, or that the said Smith was ever concerned either directly or indirectly, in counterfeiting, altering or passing any bill or bills in imitation of any bill or bills of public credit whatsoever, as before by me declared.

THO. FARRINGTON.

MASS. State, Suffolk County. } THOMAS Farrington personally  
Boston, July 5, 1777. } appeared, and made oath to  
the truth of the within written declaration by him subscribed:  
Taken at the request of the within-named William Smith, Esq;  
in perpetuam rei meroriam [memoriam].

Cor'm. SAM. PEMBERTON, } *Justices of the Peace*  
JOSEPH GARDNER, } *and of the Quorum.*

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### *Absentees*

NOTICE is hereby given, that on Monday the 27th day of March next, at 1 o'clock afternoon, will be leased at public auction, by the committee of safety, &c. for the town of Groton, to the highest bidder, for one year, from the 1st day of April next, all the real estate of Mr. — Martin, an absentee, lying in the said town of Groton; the vendue to be at the dwelling house on the premises.

Groton, Feb. 23d, 1780.

"The Boston Gazette, and the Country Journal," February 28, 1780.

This farm is advertised again in the same newspaper of February 26, 1781, to be leased for one year; and Martin's Christian name is then given as William.

Charles Ward Apthorp, of New York, was another absentee, who owned real estate in Groton, which is advertised in the same journal of December 24, 1781. It is described as "A messuage and tract of land situate in Groton, in said [Middlesex] county, containing about one hundred and seven acres, with the houses, barns, and buildings thereon, being bounded southwesterly on Samuel Farwell's land, northerly on land of Matthias Farnsworth, easterly on Little Pond, southerly by Common Land."

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*Outlaws*

The following advertisements are found in "The Independent Chronicle, and the Universal Advertiser" (Boston), February 13, 1783. The outlawry which they declare is not to be taken in a literal sense, but indicates only a severe penalty. Thomas Sackville Tufton was a trader, who died probably in the winter of 1787-8, as letters of administration were taken out on his estate, February 6, 1788.

*Outlawry.*

Pursuant to a Writ of *Scire facias Utlagatum*, bearing Test the 20th Day of January, A.D. 1783, to me directed — I hereby give Notice, unto THOMAS SACKVILLE TUFTON, of Groton, in the County of Middlesex, Trader, That unless he appear before the Supreme Judicial Court, next to be holden at Concord, within and for the County of Middlesex, on the 2d Tuesday of April next, and maketh Answer to the several Charges specified in three Indictments of a Grand Jury, in the Supreme Judicial Court, of uttering and passing sundry counterfeit Bills and Notes, of the Denomination of Fifty Dollars, and of the Tenor and fabricated in Imitation of the good, lawful and current Bills of Credit of the United States of America, established by the Congress of the said United States of the same Denomination, knowing the said Bills to be counterfeit ; and also of having in Possession sundry other counterfeit Bills of the same Denomina-

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tion, knowingly with an Intent to utter and pay the same to some of the Inhabitants of said United States, as at large set forth in the Indictments aforesaid — and shall abide and perform the Judgment that may be given thereon — he will then and there be declared an OUTLAW.

LOAMMI BALDWIN,  
(Sheriff of Middlesex.

### Outlawry.

Pursuant to a Writ of *Scire facias Utlagatum*, bearing Test the 20th Day of January, A.D. 1783, to me directed — I hereby give Notice unto NATHAN RAYMOND, of Groton, in the County of Middlesex, an Infant, That unless he appear before the Supreme Judicial Court, next to be holden at Concord, within and for the County of Middlesex, on the 2d Tuesday of April next, and maketh Answer to the Charge by the Indictment of a Grand Jury in the Supreme Judicial Court, of uttering and passing one false and counterfeit Note and Bill, of the Denomination of Fifty Dollars, to one Asa Lawrence, for, and as, a good, lawful, current Bill of Credit of the United States of America, knowing the same to be counterfeit --- and shall abide and perform the Judgment that may be given thereon --- he will then and there be declared an OUTLAW.

LOAMMI BALDWIN,  
(Sheriff of Middlesex.

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### *Capt. William Scott*

On the third page of "The Boston Gazette, and the Country Journal," July 16, 1792, is printed a long extract from "a Philadelphia paper of July 2," giving an account of a severe hurricane that swept over the eastern part of Pennsylvania on July 1. The storm did much damage in Philadelphia and its neighborhood, but fortunately there was no great loss of life. At the end of the extract the following episode is given, with some editorial comment of the Gazette within brackets, as here printed: —

Since writing the above account, we further learn, that a boat from this city to the Jersey shore was upset within fifty rods of



Samuel Cowper's wharff. There were in the boat Captain Scott, Mr. Blake, his wife and four small children, a young woman, and Mr. Betis, in all nine persons, none of whom could swim but Capt. Scott.

The Captain, by the most astonishing and praise-worthy exertions, was able, providentially, to save them all. He swam ashore with one child hanging round his neck, and one to each arm; and he returned to the boat amidst the boisterous waves raging in a furious and frightful manner, and brought the others, who had with much difficulty held by the boat, safe to the land.

For the honor of Captain Scott, an old and valiant Soldier, a Son of Massachusetts, this circumstance should be handed down to posterity.

Those who revere the virtues of the benevolent HOWARD must ever remember, with veneration, those successful exertions of Captain SCOTT.

[The above mentioned hero, is Capt. WM. SCOTT, of Groton, in this Commonwealth; and an invalid officer of the United States.— At the commencement of the late war in the Battle on Bunker's Hill, he received several wounds, was taken prisoner, and confined in goal in this town, when in possession of the British — and suffered much maltreatment.]

The "Columbian Centinel" (Boston), July 14, 1792, also mentions the same incident, but does not give so many particulars.

William Scott was a son of John and Mary (Chamberlin) Scott, of Groton, where he was born on July 1, 1742. It will be noticed that the act of heroism was performed on his own birthday, — on the day when he was fifty years old, — and this fact may have incited him to make special exertions. During the Revolutionary War he saw much military service, and at one time was in the navy. For a sketch of his life, see Dr. Albert Smith's "History of Peterborough," New Hampshire (page 248 of the second Part), where the account of his parentage conflicts with the statement here given. His death took place at Litchfield, New York, on September 19, 1796, at the age of 54 years.

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### *Groton Soldiers living in Maine*

The following Groton soldiers are mentioned in a list of "Names of Soldiers of the American Revolution who applied for State Bounty under Resolves of March 17, 1835, March 24, 1836, and March 20, 1838, as appears of record in Land Office," compiled by Charles J. House (Augusta, 1893).

The abbreviations may be explained thus: "e" for place of residence at time of enlistment, "d" for died, "w" for widow, and "m" for married. The name of a town following that of a soldier or his widow shows the place of residence at the time when the application was made.

Amos Dole, e Groton, Mass., d Orrington, July 20, 1832, w Matilda, Orrington. (Page 23.)

Oliver Hartwell, Stetson, e Groton, Mass. (Page 28.)

Asa Longley, St. Albans, e Groton, Mass. (Page 34.)

Zachariah Longley, e Groton, Mass., d Dover June 28, 1825, w Betsey, Dover. (Page 34.)

Abel Nutting, e Groton, Mass., d Lisbon January 18, 1827, w Rhoda, Lisbon, m Green. (Page 38.)

Calvin Russell, Moscow, e Groton, Mass. (Page 41.)

Amos Shed, e Groton, Mass., d Norridgewock, July 11, 1800, w Lucy, Norridgewock, m Crosby. (Page 42.)

Thomas Stevens, Brooksville, e Groton, Mass. (Page 44.)

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### *Sons of the Revolution*

Within a few years three persons have died, whose fathers were natives of Groton and also soldiers during the American Revolution, namely: Andrew Johnson Parker (youngest child of Joshua Parker), who died at Charlestown, on December 31, 1894; the Reverend Thomas Treadwell Stone, D.D. (youngest son of Deacon Solomon Stone), at Bolton, on November 13, 1895, and at the time of his death the oldest alumnus of Bow-

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doin College; and Luther Lewis Tarbell (son of William Tarbell, by his second wife), at Marlboro, on July 10, 1896. For a notice of Tarbell's father, see page 284.

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### *Revolutionary Pensioners*

In the year 1841 "A Census of Pensioners for Revolutionary or Military Services" was published under the direction of the United States Government, which gave the names, ages, and places of residence of all pensioners then living, as well as the names of heads of families with whom they were residing. The list includes presumably all the surviving Revolutionary soldiers at that period; and among them are the names of ten Groton men, as follows:—

Names.	Ages.	With whom living.
Abel Prescott.	80	Abel Prescott.
William Prescott.	72	Merrick Lewis.
Joshua Parker.	76	Joshua Parker.
William Tarbell.	76	William Tarbell.
Jacob Nutting.	93	Jacob Nutting.
Isaac Patch.	78	Isaac Patch.
Joseph Sawtell, 2d.	76	Joseph Sawtell, 2d.
David Lakin.	89	David Lakin.
Amos Farnsworth.	86	Amos Farnsworth.
Stephen Pingrey.	82	John Pingrey.

Abel Prescott was the second son of Jonas and Rebecca (Bulkley) Prescott and was born at Groton, on December 12 1759. He was married to Hannah Spalding, of Ashburnham; and among his children were Phinehas Gilman Prescott, and Charles Prescott. He died on September 18, 1841, and his widow on August 17, 1854.

William Prescott was the youngest son of the Honorable James and Susanna (Lawrence) Prescott, and born at Groton, on September 5, 1768. At a Fourth of July celebration he

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was severely wounded in the hand by the premature discharge of a cannon, and in consequence of the injury he received a pension from the United States Government. For many years after the death of his father he lived in the family of Major James Lewis, and after Major Lewis's death in the family of Merrick Lewis, the youngest brother of James. Mr. Prescott died at Groton, on August 31, 1843. He was a nephew of Colonel William Prescott who commanded the American forces at the Battle of Bunker Hill, and a brother of Benjamin who fell in that fight.

Joshua Parker was a son of Ephraim and Azubah (Farnsworth) Parker, and was born at Groton, on May 26, 1764. He was in the army near the end of the War, and he died on September 15, 1843. For a brief account of the family, see Groton Historical Series (II. 321).

William Tarbell was the second son of Benjamin and Azubah (Farnsworth) Tarbell, and was born at Groton, on October 19, 1764. He was married, on April 8, 1788, to Polly Simonds, of Groton; secondly, on April 24, 1823, to Susan Blood, of Groton; and, thirdly, on May 13, 1840, to Mrs. Sarah (Wetherbee) Nutting, of Townsend. Mr. Tarbell's mother died on March 14, 1838, at the age of 97 years, 8 months, and 19 days, the oldest person in town at that time; and he died on August 3, 1851, aged 86 years, 9 months, and 16 days. The date of his birth is taken from the family Bible, and differs by a few days from that given in the town records. In the summer of 1783 Mr. Tarbell made a rude drawing of the encampment at New Windsor, just above West Point, where he was then serving. It represents the barracks and other features of the camp, and is now in the possession of his son's widow. This is the same drawing incorrectly referred to on page 284 as a view of the ground at Valley Forge.

Jacob Nutting, a son of Isaac and Lydia (Nutting) Nutting, was born at Groton, on January 23, 1747, and died on May 14, 1841.

Isaac Patch was the second son of Isaac and Elizabeth (Avery) Patch, and born at Westford in the year 1762. He was married in 1786 to Phebe, youngest child of Reuben and Susanna (Chandler) Fletcher of that town; and they had eight children, of whom the youngest, Sophronia, was the wife of the late Moses Titus, of Ayer. Mr. Patch died at Groton, on October 21, 1841, aged 79 years; and his widow on January 9, 1843, also aged 79 years.

Joseph Sawtell, 2d, was the second son of Joseph and Lydia (Jenkins) Sawtell, and was born at Groton, on May 8, 1764. He was married, on February 22, 1788, to Hannah, youngest daughter of Ebenezer and Mary Kemp. For many years he was sexton of the town; and he died on March 21, 1842. Another Joseph, the father of the late Ephraim Sawtell, was living in the year 1840, when this list of pensioners was made.

David Lakin was the youngest child of John and Lydia (Parker) Lakin, and was born at Groton, on October 10, 1753. He died on March 3, 1846, at which time he was the oldest person in town.

Amos Farnsworth was the eldest son of Amos and Lydia (Longley) Farnsworth, and was born at Groton, on April 28, 1754. After the Lexington alarm, on April 19, 1775, he marched to Cambridge in Captain Henry Farwell's company of minute-men. At the time of his death, which took place on October 29, 1847, he was the oldest person in town.

Stephen Pingrey was the oldest son of Stephen and Anna (Jewett) Pingrey, and was born at Rowley, on June 3, 1759. After the death of his second wife, which took place at Franconia, New Hampshire, on June 12, 1838, in order to live with his youngest son John, he came to Groton, where he died on May 8, 1844.

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Many years ago I obtained the following facts from Elijah Clark, of Newton, who had had some experience as a Revolutionary pension-agent.

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Mrs. Olive Studley died at Groton, on March 2, 1845, aged 83 years. She was the widow of Consider Studley, who during the Revolution had served as a non-commissioned officer from Wrentham. They were married at Franklin in 1785; and at the time of her death she left three children, namely: Mrs. Olive Rugg, wife of Joseph Rugg, of Groton; Oliver Studley; and Sarah Mann Studley. Her husband died at Lancaster, on December 28, 1832; and in consequence of his military services she received from the United States Government an annual pension of forty-four dollars.

Jonathan Prentiss, a native of Groton, living in Townsend, was in the military service of his country during the years 1778 and 1779. At one time he was a member of Captain Kimball's company, Colonel Sproat's regiment, and stationed at Nantasket.

Samuel Gragg, a native of Groton, and a soldier of the Revolution, was an uncle of the Reverend William Gragg, who graduated at Harvard College in the Class of 1820; and his wife's name was Rachel Blood.

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### *Groton, a Shire Town during the Revolution*

Owing to the disturbances of the War, an Act was passed by the Legislature, on February 6, 1776, removing the November term of the Court of General Sessions of the Peace and Court of Common Pleas from Charlestown to Groton. Two years later, on September 23, 1778, this November term was transferred to Cambridge, to take the place of the May term, which in turn was brought to Groton, where it remained until June, 1787. The sessions of the Court were held in the First Parish Meeting-house; and the Court was sitting there during the famous dark day of May 19, 1780, when candles had to be used.

The following notice adjourning the Court of Common Pleas, appointed to be held at Groton, appears in "The Boston Gazette, and the Country Journal," May 12, 1783, and is signed by three Justices of that Court. It is impossible now to learn the circumstances under which the adjournment took place, but they may have been similar to those mentioned in a Resolve, here reprinted immediately after the advertisement from the newspaper. On the docket at East Cambridge no explanation is given, but under date of May 20, 1783, it is there recorded that the Court, by proclamation of John Tyng and James Prescott, Esquires, two of the Justices, was adjourned to the first Tuesday of June, which fell that year on the third day of the month.

**W**HEREAS some Circumstances that must happen will render it necessary that the Court of Common Pleas, by Law appointed to be holden at Groton, within and for the County of Middlesex, on the 3d Tuesday of May Inst. should be adjourned to some future Day: All Persons concerned are to take Notice, that the same Court will be adjourned to the first Tuesday in June next, then to proceed to Business Jurors Parties and Witnesses will govern themselves accordingly.

*By Order of Three of the Justices of the same Court.*

N. B. As the Court of Common Pleas will adjourn as above, it is probable that the Court of General Sessions of the Peace will be adjourned in like Manner.

*Middlesex ss* } **T**HE Clerk of the within mentioned Courts is  
May 9, 1783 } directed to publish the within Advertisement  
in the Papers, and to send Copies thereof to the several Parts of  
the County.

A FULLER,  
JAMES PRESCOTT,  
SAMUEL PHILLIPS SAVAGE.

A true Copy of the Originals filed in the Office of the Courts  
abovementioned, May 9 1783.

Attest.

THAD. MASON, Clerk

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The following Resolution was passed by the General Court on May 2, 1787, and is found in the volume of "Resolves" (page 280), where the chapter is numbered XXXI.

Resolve adjourning the Court of General Sessions of the Peace, and Court of Common Pleas in the County of *Middlesex*, to the fourth Tuesday in *May* inst. *May 2, 1787.*

Whereas by reason of the sitting of the Supreme Judicial Court, at *Concord*, on the second Tuesday of *May* instant, the sitting of the Court of General Sessions of the Peace, and Court of Common Pleas, at *Groton*, on the Tuesday following, may be attended with inconveniences.

*Resolved*, That the said Court of General Sessions of the Peace, and Court of Common Pleas, by law to be holden at *Groton*, within and for the county of *Middlesex*, on the third Tuesday of *May* instant, shall be holden at *Groton* aforesaid, on the fourth Tuesday of the same month, and that all writs, processes and recognizances, returnable to, and all appeals made to the said Court of General Sessions of the Peace, and Court of Common Pleas, appointed by law to be holden at *Groton*; and all matters, causes and things, that have day or that might have had day, been moved or done at, in, or by the said Courts, at the time so appointed for holding the same, shall be returnable to, and may be entered, prosecuted, had, moved and done at, in, and by the said Courts, at the time herein appointed for holding the same. And the Secretary is hereby directed, to publish this resolve, in the two next *Adams and Nourse's*, *Hall's*, and *Charlestown* papers.

It is highly probable that the Shays Rebellion, which broke out in the summer of 1786, had some connection with the removal of these sessions from Groton. The uprising in Middlesex County was confined exclusively to this neighborhood, and the insurgents always felt a bitter spite against the Court of Common Pleas, which they had tried so hard to abolish. The action of the Legislature in making the change seems to have been in part retributive.

During the period when the Courts were held here, Groton was a town much more important relatively, both in size and



influence, than it is at the present time. According to the National census of 1790, the first one taken, it was then the second town in population in Middlesex County, Cambridge alone having more inhabitants. In that year Groton had 322 families, numbering 1,840 persons ; and Cambridge, 355 families, numbering 2,115 persons, while Lowell had no existence. Charlestown had a population of 1,583 ; and Newton, 1,360. Reading, with 341 families (19 more than Groton), numbered 1,802 persons (38 less than Groton). Woburn then had a population of 1,727 ; Framingham, 1,598 ; Marlborough, 1,554 ; and Waltham, 882. Pepperell contained 1,132 inhabitants ; Shirley, 677 ; Westford, 1,229 ; and Littleton, 854.

## *Some Civil Officers during the Revolution*

### *First Provincial Congress of Deputies*

<i>Date of Election.</i>		<i>Term of Service.</i>
May 9, 1774 . . .	James Prescott . . . . .	1774

### *Second Provincial Congress of Deputies*

December 26, 1774	James Prescott . . . . .	1775
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### *Third Provincial Congress of Deputies*

May 22, 1775 . . .	James Prescott . . . . .	1775
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### *Members of the Board of War*

October 30, 1776 .	Oliver Prescott, declined.	
November 16, 1776	James Prescott . . . . .	1776-1779

### *Member of the Council*

May 29, 1777 . . .	Oliver Prescott . . . . .	1777-1779
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According to the records of the General Court, when the Board of War was first chosen on October 30, 1776, "Brig: Prescot" was elected a member. This referred to Dr. Oliver

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Prescott, at that time a Brigadier-General, but it does not appear that he ever took his seat with the Board. On November 13, the records state that two of the members, whose names are given, had declined, and their places were at once filled; and on November 16 five more resignations were announced, — though no names are mentioned, — and the vacancies then filled. Dr. Prescott was undoubtedly one of the five who declined at this time. Among those chosen at the second election was "Colonel Prescott," who was James, a brother of Oliver. It is a little singular that their Christian names are not given in the records, as both men were so well known. The *Journal of the House*, October 30, 1776, prints the name of "*James Prescott, Esq;*" as one of the nine original members chosen at that time, but this appears to be an error. Colonel Prescott attended his first meeting with the Board of War on December 18, — according to the manuscript minutes of the Board.

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### *A Revolutionary Surgeon*

Dr. Ebenezer Rockwood was a son of Elisha and Elizabeth (Adams) Rockwood, and born at Groton on August 13, 1746. He graduated at Harvard College in the Class of 1773, and immediately afterward studied medicine, though there was then no institution in New England that conferred the degree of M.D. in course. Dr. Rockwood served for a time in the army during the early part of the Revolution. In a list of officers in Colonel Ebenezer Francis's Regiment, stationed on Dorchester Heights, November 4, 1776, — published in the "*Maine Historical and Genealogical Recorder*" (V. 3) for July, 1888, — he appears as Surgeon's Mate. On June 10, 1779, he was married to Mary, daughter of the Reverend Daniel and Hannah (Emerson) Emerson, of Hollis, New Hampshire; and they had nine children. In the year 1779 he received and accepted an invitation, signed by nearly all the voters of Wil-

ton, New Hampshire, to settle in that town as a physician; and he probably went there during the next spring, as a letter of dismissal was given to him by the church in Groton, on March 5, 1780. Among his children was Ebenezer, Jr., who graduated at Harvard College in the Class of 1802, a classmate and friend of the Honorable Samuel Hoar, whose son, the late Ebenezer Rockwood Hoar, was named for him.

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*An Interesting Map*

There is in the library of the Massachusetts Historical Society a map entitled "The Seat of War, in New England, by an American Volunteer, with the Marches of the Several Corps sent by the Colonies towards Boston, with the Attack on Bunkers-Hill." It was made soon after the Battle, and includes the eastern half of Massachusetts, nearly all of Rhode Island, the southern part of New Hampshire, and the eastern border of Connecticut. It gives the various townships of the region as well as the main thoroughfares converging at Boston, and in a rude way it shows troops coming from the several colonies on their march to the seat of war. The "Road from Stephens Fort and Crown Pt" which passes through the village of Groton, is represented on the map. Stephen's Fort was situated in Charlestown on the Connecticut River. "Rangers from New Hampshire" are shown along this route; and an "Incampment" is represented at Worcester, with "New York Grenadiers," "Virginian Horse," etc., in the neighborhood marching toward Cambridge. Groton Gore in New Hampshire is also represented, and appears under the name of Groton.

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*At a Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Groton, legally  
assembled on March 6th, 1770.*

*Voted Unanimously,*

THAT we the Inhabitants of the Town of *Groton*, do most heartily approve of the Non-importation Agreement of the Merchants, and that we will not (knowingly) directly or indirectly, purchase any Goods of any Person that Imports the same, or that trades with an Importer, contrary to the Agreement of the Merchants. At the same Meeting chose a Committee to inspect the Buyers and Sellers of Goods within the said Town, and to caution them against counteracting the Intent and Meaning of the Non-Importation Agreement, as they would avoid the Odium and Resentment of the Inhabitants of said Town.

Attest.

OLIVER PRESCOTT, *Town Clerk.*

"The Boston-Gazette, and Country Journal," Supplement, March 19, 1770.

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### *Thomas Sackville Tufton*

Thomas Sackville Tufton was a trader in Groton during the Revolutionary period. According to a work on Captain John Mason, published by the Prince Society (Boston, 1887), he was the son of Thomas and Elizabeth (Gooding) Tufton, of Boston, and a descendant of John Mason, the famous founder of New Hampshire. He was a great-great-great-great-grandson of Captain John Mason, a great-great-grandson of Robert Tufton, who took the surname of Mason, and a grandson of John Tufton, of Portsmouth, New Hampshire, who dropped the surname of Mason. See page 257.

The town of Mason, New Hampshire, is so named in honor of Captain John.

## *The Shays Rebellion*

Committees from the towns of Groton, Pepperell, Shirley, Townsend, and Ashby met at Groton on June 29, 1786, in order to make preparations for calling a convention to consider matters of public grievance. At this preliminary meeting a committee was appointed to issue a circular letter to the other towns in Middlesex County, inviting them to send delegates to a convention to be holden at Concord. Captain John Nutting, of Pepperell, was chairman of the committee then appointed; and a letter signed by him was sent to the various selectmen throughout the county. The following copy is made from one printed in "The Independent Chronicle: and the Universal Advertiser" (Boston), July 27, 1786:

To the Selectmen of Cambridge.

GENTLEMEN, &c.

**W**E the Committees chose by the several towns hereafter mentioned, viz. Groton, Pepperell, Shirley, Townsend and Ashby, met at Groton the 29th day of June, 1786, to consult upon matters of public grievances; and after appointing a Chairman for that day, it was thought best to notify all the towns in this county to meet by their Committees, at the house of Capt. Brown, innholder in Concord, on the 23d day of August next, to consult upon matters of public grievances and embarrassments that the people of this Commonwealth labour under, and to find out means of redress, &c.

By order of the Committee,

JOHN NUTTING, Chairman.

GROTON, July 19, 1786.

N. B. It is expected that a Committee from the Convention that is to set in Worcester county, the 15th of August, will attend.

The answer by the town of Cambridge is found in the same newspaper, wherein it is stated that the inhabitants

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were attached to the present constitution and administration of government, and that they declined to send any committee. At the same meeting, on July 24, it was voted that the selectmen cause the letter and the reply to be printed, which was accordingly done.

A similar answer by the town of Newton to the same letter is found in Francis Jackson's "History of Newton" (pages 211-213).

At the present time it seems incredible that patriotic men by mob rule should have tried to correct political evils which then surely existed. Most of these misguided persons had served in the Revolutionary army, where they left good records; but they were little used to constitutional government. Captain Nutting, the writer of the circular letter, was a man of irreproachable character, and had led a company of minute-men to Cambridge, on the Nineteenth of April. See page 34 of this volume.

Some years ago I bought at public sale in Boston a letter written by Dr. Oliver Prescott, of Groton, which relates to the action of the insurgents in this neighborhood, near the fag-end of the Rebellion. The letter was afterward given to the Massachusetts Historical Society, on October 11, 1888, and is printed in the Proceedings (second series, IV., 158, 159) of that date, as follows:—

GROTON Jan<sup>y</sup> 22<sup>d</sup> 1787 6<sup>o</sup> P. M.

SIR

I have been attending to the motions of the insurgents, & thought it was my duty to inform you that Cap<sup>t</sup> John Nutting of Pepperell marched from John Conants in Townshend at one o'clock this afternoon with about Seventy men collected from Groton Pepperell & Townshend & Seven sleighs with provisions & baggage; expected to be joined by a party from Lunenburg & Shirley, & I have no doubt will make up as many more, they have rec<sup>d</sup> Expresses from the Worcester Leaders to raise as many men as possible, they are exerting themselves to the utmost—they propose to march all night & are at present rapid in their movements.

The Bearer Capt John Williams is able to acquaint you with the

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particulars & will inform you of the disposition of the people in this part of the County & their readiness to turn out for the defence of Government if needed.

I have directed the Express to return as soon as possible & if anything of importance should be discovered I shall give you intelligence without loss of time.

I have the honor to be with the  
greatest esteem Sir your  
very humble Serv<sup>t</sup>

OLIVER PRESCOTT

GEN<sup>l</sup> LINCOLN

[Addressed] On public Service The Hon<sup>ble</sup> Maj<sup>r</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> Lincoln Worcester by Express

[Indorsed] Dr Prescott's letter, Jan<sup>y</sup> 22<sup>d</sup> 1787 N<sup>o</sup> 19

The two following letters, written by Dr. Prescott, are found among the Archives at the State House. They tend to show the active part which he always took in public matters affecting the neighborhood :—

GROTON 8<sup>th</sup> JAN<sup>y</sup> 1787

DEAR SIR,

How is the Spirit of Volunteering in your part of the County? Will your people turn out for the defence of Worcester Court? I Expect Groton and Pepperrell will furnish two Companies of light Infantry ; one Company to be under the Command of Capt. Scott, the other Major Farnsworth, who are inlisting men for that purpose ; and I am sure General Brooks will not think proper to send marching orders to this Regiment. Thirty men gave in their names last Saturday ; and I Expect a number of good men will ride with me, who cannot bear the fatigues of the Journey in any other mode. I turn out to give Energy to the Service, & hope you will do the same. I shall thank you for Recommending my son [Oliver, Jr.] to Gen<sup>l</sup> Brooks in the Surgeon's department, as he has been & still is very alert, and his engaging in the service, induces many others. I hope nothing will be wanting on the part of Government to put an end to the Rebellion.

I most seriously wish some of the leaders of the malcontents in the County of Worcester, might be apprehended before the sitting

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of the Court. If a Warrant should be made out to Scott & Brown, as was before, they could easily find some resolute, Cunning men who would go in disguise & are perfectly acquainted with the roads, and have no doubt of Success; they would not wish for more than six or Eight men & be happy to make the Tryal. What do you think of the Experiment? The Expense would not be great. I think they would be more likely to be apprehended this week, while engaged in raising their forces; if they find their party too small to oppose Government, they will Secrete themselves. If a few men should go from this part of the County on a trading Voyage, & mix with the people, I think it is highly probable they would Succeed; & if you are of the Same Opinion, wish you would lay the matter before the Governor & Council; & if they approve of it, let a Warrant be sent by Express, no time should be lost, & it is not in my power to be at Boston this week to make the Proposition.

I shall not omit anything in my power for the publick good. —  
my best regards to y<sup>r</sup> Brother, I am, Sir,

with great Esteem, y<sup>r</sup> Hum<sup>le</sup> Servant;

OLIVER PRESCOTT

JAMES WINTHROP Esq<sup>r</sup>

[Addressed] James Winthrop Esq<sup>r</sup> Cambridge

[Indorsed] Letter from Gen<sup>l</sup> Prescott Jan<sup>y</sup> 8, 1787

(Massachusetts Archives, CLXXXIX. 70)

GROTON 3<sup>d</sup> March 1787

SIR

I beg leave to suggest to your Excellency the propriety of having a Company of Volunteers raised, & stationed in this part of the County of Middlesex for a short time, to apprehend such persons as are disqualified from receiving the pardon, as there are many such, & they ought to be secured soon, as the Spring is opening when they will retire to the woods, which is a matter they depend much upon—I suppose a company of 50 or 60 men, including non-commissioned Officers & privates would be sufficient, & if Capt William Scott of Groton & Samson Woods & Jon<sup>a</sup> Bancroft of Pepperell should be appointed for the Commissioned Officers; they would be able to enlist the men immediately from the Towns of Groton & Pepperell, & such as have horses



of their own, that upon any particular occasion might be mounted without expence to Government, so that this small company of Infantry would be equal to any service that Government might require — Any delay or relaxation in Government at this time would be extremely hurtfully.

M<sup>r</sup> Brown of this Town is a Regimental Quarter Master & under the direction of the Commissary General might in an easy & cheap manner supply the troops — The reason of my proposing the above persons for Officers, is, their known fidelity, courage & good conduct, as well as having served in the State army, & had commissions, & are likely to give Satisfaction — The bearer, Capt Jo : Savage has for some time past resided in this Town, & can fully inform you of the disposition of the people, and the necessity of such a company.

I have taken the liberty to order George Marsten to be committed to the Boston Goal, as he is not a Citizen of this Commonwealth & no property, but has been very active in the present rebellion, & by his own confession was chosen an Adjutant in Shays's army he was a deserter from the British army, & for more than one year past had residence in the Town of Pepperell —

I have the honor to be with the greatest  
esteem and respect your Excellency's most  
Ob<sup>t</sup> & hum<sup>e</sup> Servant  
OLIVER PRESCOT

The Governor

A true Copy

Attest

JOHN AVERY jun Sec<sup>y</sup>

[Indorsed] Letter from Oliver Prescott — Groton, March 3<sup>d</sup> 1787 —  
(Massachusetts Archives, CXC. 405)

By an Act passed on February 14, 1781, the Governor and Council were requested to appoint three of the Justices of the Peace in each County, who should have authority to commit to jail any person dangerous to the State. Dr. Oliver Prescott was one of those for Middlesex County, and in causing the arrest of George Marsten, as mentioned in the last paragraph of the letter, he was acting in this capacity.

At the Centennial Celebration of the Independent Company of Cadets in Boston, on October 19, 1841, the Reverend

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Samuel K. Lothrop, D.D., Chaplain of the Corps, delivered an historical address, from which the following extract is taken : —

On the 29th of the same month [November, 1786], Col. [Samuel] Bradford received orders to assemble his company at Groton, to assist the Sheriff of Middlesex in arresting Col. Shattuck, a leader of the discontented in that county. The Cadets left town [Boston] for the purpose, but before the arrival of the entire company, Col. Shattuck had been arrested. The wound, by which he was disabled, — and consequently taken prisoner, is said to have been inflicted by Fortesque Vernon, a member of the Cadets (page 31).

In the account of "Groton during the Shays Rebellion," which appears in Number III. of the first volume of the Groton Historical Series, it is said, on page 8, that Shattuck's wound was given by F. C. Varnum, of Boston. The statement was made on the authority of Lemuel Shattuck, and is found in his "Memorials of the Descendants of William Shattuck" (page 126). By the light of this extract, I have no doubt that the wound was inflicted by Fortesque Vernon, whose surname was generally pronounced Varnon.

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### *The Insurgents*

In the year 1835 there was published anonymously at Philadelphia, a work entitled "The Insurgents: An Historical Novel," in two volumes, written by Ralph Ingersoll Lockwood, a lawyer of New York, who died many years ago. It is based on the Shays Rebellion, and the scene is laid mainly in the Connecticut valley. In the second volume is an account of the capture of Job Shattuck, which is given with all the freedom of a novelist's pen.

See page 66 for Shattuck's connection with the Rebellion.

*Capt. Henry Farwell*

In the account of the Jubilee of Lawrence Academy at Groton, on July 12, 1854, published during the next year, is printed an interesting letter from the Reverend Dr. William Allen, ex-President of Bowdoin College, who in his younger days had taught school in town. He gives many reminiscences of the place in the early part of the century, and describes a visit made at the house of Jonathan Farwell, whose father, Captain Henry Farwell, had commanded a company of minute-men that marched from Groton to Cambridge on April 19, 1775. This veteran soldier was not afraid to show his colors, and had no sympathy with the Shays Rebellion, according to Dr. Allen, who says: —

I was one evening invited to the bountiful table of a neighbor, Mr. Jonathan Farwell, who had as much humor, joined to as much sense as is seldom found in his condition of life. He was usually called *Uncle Jock*. At his house, I went into his father's room, to see the old gentleman, then nearly eighty years old. He was a small man, but energetic and animated. Although his feet were just in the grave, he was as full of spirit as ever. He fought his battles over again. He told me that in 1745, when twenty-one years old, he was at the capture of *Cape Breton*. Just thirty years after that event, he was in the battle of *Bunker Hill* and was shot through the body. He was a man of as much spirit and energy as I ever knew; and he had a proper reverence for law and good government. He related to me that, "In the time of Shays' rebellion, the question was, '*Shall Jock go out and fight them?*' I said, 'Yes. I would disinherit a son of mine who would not fight for his country. *Had I as much blood as would bear a seventy-four gunship over Grand Monadnoc, I would spill it all in fighting those rebels!*'" (Page 61.)

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The following copy of a bill is found in the Emmet Collection belonging to the New York Public Library : —

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, TO THE TOWN OF GROTON, D<sup>r</sup>

To sundry Provisions furnish'd for the Troops in the service of the Commonwealth, as follows — viz. —

1787

Jan <sup>r</sup> 27 <sup>th</sup> To 65 <sup>lb</sup> Beef at 2½ per lb . . .	£0. 13. 6½
54 <sup>lb</sup> Bread at 2 <sup>d</sup> . . . . .	0. 9. 0.
29 <sup>th</sup> To 241 <sup>lb</sup> Bread at 2 <sup>d</sup> . . . . .	2. 0. 2.
362 <sup>lb</sup> Beef at 2½ <sup>d</sup> . . . . .	3. 15. 5
880 Gills rum at 1 <sup>d</sup> . . . . .	1. 11. 8

To Transporting the above to Springfield

& Hadley . . . . . 2. 6. 8.

To a Horse & Slay & Driver for transporting the Baggage of the Troops during the Whole expedition under Gen<sup>l</sup> Lincoln

5. 12.

24 days a 4/8

16. 8. 5.

ISAAC FARNSWORTH  
JOSEPH MOORS  
JOSEPH ROCKWOOD  
AARON BROWN

} *Selectmen  
for  
Groton.*

Errors Excepted.

GROTON, April 3<sup>rd</sup> 1787.

*Soldiers' Epitaphs*

The following inscriptions are found on gravestones in the old burying-ground, and will explain themselves: —

[*Cherub's Head.*]

Here lies the Body of  
Joseph son of M<sup>r</sup>: Ephraim  
& M<sup>rs</sup>: Azubah Parker,  
who died Sep<sup>r</sup>: 22<sup>d</sup>: 1775  
Aged 5 years & 2 mon<sup>th</sup>:  
Also in Memory of M<sup>r</sup>:  
Nehem<sup>ias</sup> son of y<sup>e</sup> above  
nam'd persons, who died  
in his Country service  
at *Ticonderoga* Oct<sup>r</sup>: 22<sup>d</sup>:  
1776. In y<sup>e</sup> 19<sup>th</sup> year of his  
age.

Nehemiah Parker enlisted originally, on April 30, 1775, in Captain Asa Lawrence's Company.

[*Cherub's Head.*]

Memento mori  
HERE lies the  
Body of M<sup>r</sup>: Simon  
Patch who was  
wounded in y<sup>e</sup> de-  
fence of his Country  
at y<sup>e</sup> *White-plains*  
Oct<sup>r</sup>: 28<sup>th</sup>: 1776 and  
died of his wound  
Dec<sup>r</sup>: 31<sup>st</sup>: 1776 in y<sup>e</sup>  
28<sup>th</sup> year of his age.

The son of Ebenezer and Sarah Patch, born July 11, 1749. He was brought home on a litter from White Plains, New York, a distance of nearly two hundred miles, accompanied

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by his elder brother. The litter was made by fitting the butt-ends of two small trees into the stirrups of a saddle, and putting a sack of hay behind on the branches.

*Memento [Cherub] Mori*

M<sup>rs</sup> ABIGAIL KENRICK  
Widow of CAP<sup>t</sup> CALEB  
KENRICK, left her  
pleasant habitation  
in Newton, & came to  
her Daughter Dana's  
in Groton, on account  
of y<sup>e</sup> civil War & Sep<sup>r</sup> 5.  
1775. *Æ*. 76. was remov-  
ed by a dysentery, to that  
place where y<sup>e</sup> wicked cea<sup>re</sup>  
from troubling & y<sup>e</sup> weary  
are at rest.

Her maiden name was Bowen, and her daughter was married to the Reverend Samuel Dana.

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The following epitaph is copied from a marble slab in the Lawrence lot at the Cemetery. Mrs. Bigelow's death took place in Groton at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Luther Lawrence. Her husband, Colonel Bigelow, died on March 31, 1790, in Worcester, where there is a monument erected to his memory on the Common.

Here  
lie the mortal remains of  
MRS. ANNA BIGELOW,  
relict of  
Col. Timothy Bigelow  
of Worcester, Mass.  
She died Aug. 2, 1809,  
*Æt.* 63 yrs.

## *Obituary Records*

At Groton 15th inst, William Blodgett, formerly of Tyngsboro', a revolutionary pensioner, at the age of 90 years and 8 months. His descendants were 6 children, 37 grand-children, 23 great-grand-children, and one of the fifth generation. He entered the army at the age of 16 years, and was one of the number to guard Burgoyne's troops at Winter Hill; he afterwards shipped on board a Letter of Marque on a trading voyage in 1782. On his return home in the brig Iris, of Boston, they captured at the mouth of James river, in Virginia, an English brig mounting 16 guns, with about 100 prisoners, among whom were 30 Americans in irons. On the 2d day after the battle, they encountered a storm which drove the American brig and the prize both on shore, and dashed them in pieces, and all was lost except the crews, which were saved by the inhabitants. He next entered the service of his Savior, and remained in his service about 60 years, and as he entered the threshold of eternity, he repeated the following lines:

"I'm not ashamed to own my Lord,  
Or to defend his cause,  
Maintain the honor of his word,  
The glory of his cross."

"The Boston Daily Atlas," November 22, 1852.

In Groton, N. H. the 20th Nov. last, Mr. Samuel Blood, aged 67 years, a soldier of the revolution, and formerly of Groton, Mass.

"Columbian Centinel" (Boston), February 3, 1830.

In Groton, -----; Mr. Amos Davis, a soldier of the revolution, aged 82.

"Columbian Daily Centinel" (Boston), December 6, 1834.

Isaac Farwell, born in Groton, Mass., 1744, March 28, was a lieutenant at Bunker Hill, soon became a captain, and fought in the continental army till the close of the war. He died in 1791, Dec. 31, and is buried in the Charlestown [N. H.] cemetery.

Henry Swan Dana's "History of Woodstock, Vermont" (page 597).

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In Groton, Mass. Sept. 2, Captain Zacharias Fitch, aged 86.

"Columbian Centinel" (Boston), September 9, 1820.

Died, in Groton, Mass. June 24, Mr. Isaiah Hall, aged 74, a revolutionary soldier and patriot. For many years he had been gradually declining, and devoted the principal part of his time to reading and meditation. The word of God was his principal study and source of comfort, and when too feeble to read himself, nothing afforded him so much satisfaction as to hear its sacred contents often read. His last sickness, though long and lingering, was borne with that calmness and resignation which a firm faith in the religion of Jesus Christ imparts; and the remaining days of his bereaved partner will be consoled by that hope which animated him in his last hours, and made death to him the harbinger of eternal rest. — [Communicated.]

"Columbian Daily Centinel" (Boston), July 2, 1834.

In Pepperell, Jan 14th, Mr Robinson Lakin, 83, a revolutionary soldier—he was a drummer in the company commanded by Capt John Nutting, in Col Wm Prescott's regiment, and was in the redoubt on Bunker Hill when the attack was made by the British army. In this battle eight of said company were killed and eight wounded.

"Boston Daily Advertiser," February 27, 1838.

At Groton, on the 12th instant, Capt JAMES LEWIS, aged 74, (formerly of Billerica.) In every situation in which he was placed through a long and active life, he bore an upright and honorable character. He was an officer of the militia during the whole of the revolutionary war; the companion of Buttrick, Davis, and others who composed the valiant little band that resisted a superior British force, at the bridge in Concord, on the memorable 19th of April, 1775. He continued a uniform and firm supporter of those republican principles, for which he so early stood forth, and ever supported the character of an exemplary citizen, tender husband, and kind parent—he lived respected and died lamented.

"Boston Patriot," Saturday, June 23, 1810.

In Hawley, Mr. Joseph Longley, born in Groton, Mass., Aug. 17, 1744. He was a great grandson to William Longley, who, with a



part of his family, were killed at Groton, by the Indians, in 1684 [1694] — grandson to John Longley, who was Captain five years in Canada — and son to Joseph Longley, who was mortally wounded in the battle and defeat of Fort William Henry, 1758. When 16, he was in the French war one year and helped to build the stone barracks at Crown Point, 1760. He was five years in the revolutionary war for Independence. In the first eight months' service, 1775. At Ticonderoga in '76. At the capture of Burgoyne, '77. In December following, while in the van of 100 volunteers, under Maj. Hull, pursuing a foraging party, 32 were cut off by the British cavalry, near Derby, deprived of their blankets, and put in prison at Philadelphia, where more than half died of cold, hunger, and disease. In April, '78, he, with others, were put on board a prison ship for New York, where he was exchanged in July, and soon after joined his regiment, and was in the battle in Rhode Island, and in that signal retreat, under Gen. Sullivan.

"The Massachusetts Spy" (Worcester), August 24, 1836.

According to the genealogical tables in the Appendix to Mr. Butler's History (page 417), Joseph Longley was born on August 6, 1744; and the date of his death was July 8, 1836. He was the eldest child of Joseph and Mary (Walker) Longley, and a brother of Edmund, mentioned below, who was born on October 31, 1746.

In Hawley, 29th ult. Edmund Longley, Esq. 96 yrs and 18 days, a native of Groton. He erected the first framed house in H (then called No 7) and removed his family into it in 1781. He was sent for many years to the General Court; was the first Plantation and Town Clerk; held the offices of Town Clerk, Selectman, and Treasurer; was a Justice of the Peace for nearly fifty years; and was both a soldier and an officer in the revolutionary war. He was a subscriber to the Hampshire Gazette [Northampton] for more than fifty-six years; and took and read the Panoplist and Missionary Herald, from their first publication, as long as he lived.

"Boston Daily Advertiser," December 23, 1842.

In Groton, 15th inst. Mr. Joshua Parker, a revolutionary soldier, 79; ---.

"Boston Daily Advertiser," September 23, 1843.

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In Groton [January 9], Lieut. William Parker, a revolutionary soldier, aged 71.

"Columbian Daily Centinel" (Boston), January 24, 1833.

At Groton, Elnathan Sawtell, Esq. 83.

"Daily Centinel and Gazette" (Boston), September 3, 1836.

Mr. Sawtell was a Revolutionary soldier, and he died on August 31, 1836. His epitaph gives him the title of Lieutenant, which may have been acquired after the War.

STEVENS, Maj. Thomas, Brooksville, Me., 7 May; in his 90th year. He was a native of Groton, Mass., and a soldier of the Revolution.

"The New England Historical and Genealogical Register" (VII. 295) for July, 1853.

ANOTHER VETERAN GONE. — Died in Groton, August 2d [1851], Mr. William Tarbell, one of the last of the Revolutionary patriots, aged 87. Mr. Tarbell joined the army when quite young, and was with General Washington during the last three years of the war, but having been appointed to draw plans and paint sketches of the various battle fields and encampments, by the commander-in-chief, he was never in any action during that time. He was with the army during its encampment at Valley Forge, and his picture of this camp ground, which was painted in the log house then occupied by Gen. Washington, is now in possession of his son in this city, and though much faded, is still an object of great interest.

"Daily Evening Traveller" (Boston), September 25, 1851.

In Groton, 7th July, Mr. Nehemiah Whetman, a revolutionary pensioner, aged 82.

"Columbian Daily Centinel" (Boston), August 5, 1835.

In Groton, Mr. David Wilson, a revolutionary soldier, aged 90. His death was occasioned by falling into the fire, supposed in a fit.

"Columbian Daily Centinel" (Boston), February 23, 1833.

In Groton, 8th inst. Col. Samson Woods, aged 65. [A son of General Henry and Deborah (Parker) Woods.]

"Columbian Centinel" (Boston), February 11, 1826.

The following paper, written by the late William Willder Wheildon, of Concord, was read before the Bostonian Society, on April 14, 1885, and, five days later, it appeared in "The Sunday Herald" (Boston), April 19. It was afterward reprinted in pamphlet form, and still later, with the writer's assent, in the Groton Historical Series.

### *New Chapter in the History of the Concord Fight*

It is not very remarkable, perhaps, that the centennial period since the beginning of the Revolutionary War should be the occasion of bringing to light some new matter in relation to its early incidents, in regard to which more or less secrecy was preserved and names withheld at the time. It seems, from evidence which has lately come to the knowledge of the writer, by a casually dropped remark concerning the Concord fight, that the alarm of the movement of General Gage to seize the cannon, stores, and ammunition in Concord, was more widely known in Middlesex County than heretofore supposed. It appears, from the testimony of Mr. Artemas Wright, of Ayer, who is a grandson of Mr. Nathan Corey, of Groton, that there were several members of the Groton company of minutemen at Concord, on the morning of the 19th of April, who were in the fight at the North Bridge, and joined in the pursuit of the British troops in the retreat to Lexington.

#### *Mr. Wright's Story*

Mr. Wright says: his grandfather repeatedly told him the story, and often talked of the scenes of that day. A part of his narration was, that on the day before the Concord fight,

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April 18th, while he was ploughing in his field, some distance from the middle of the town, he received notice of a meeting of the minute-men, which, of course, demanded immediate attention. It was in the afternoon, toward evening, when he received the notification. He at once unhitched his plough, drove his oxen home, took down his gun and belt, told his wife Molly, as he called her, that he was going away, and could not tell when he should come back, and that she must take care of the oxen. He then hastened to the middle of the town and joined his comrades who had assembled there.

The circumstance which had induced them to call the meeting was the arrival of some brass cannon from Concord. Of course the presence of these immediately gave rise to discussion and speculation as to the cause and the reason of their being sent to Groton from Concord. Various suggestions were made, the most prominent of which was a proposition that the company should proceed at once to Concord; but this, when put to vote, was determined in the negative, most of the members preferring to wait for further intelligence.

This conclusion, it seems, was not entirely satisfactory to all the members of the company, and some of them determined to go at once; so that, as the story is related to the writer, nine of them, with young Corey among the number, started for Concord the same evening. They travelled all night, carrying lighted pine torches a part of the way, and reached Concord at an early hour in the morning, entering one side of the town some hours before the British troops entered upon the other. Mr. Corey said they all went and got some breakfast at the house of Colonel Barrett, which was afterwards visited by the British troops in search of the cannon, ammunition and stores, most of which had been fortunately removed, the day before, to places of safety. After getting something to eat they proceeded toward the centre of the town, and soon joined the men of Concord, and finally were in the ranks of the minute-men, at or near the North Bridge, where the fight with the British troops occurred.

They continued with the minute-men, and followed the retreating troops to Lexington, or beyond.

This is the story related by Mr. Wright, as often repeated to him by his grandfather Corey; and this, according to the accepted history of the time, and as at present understood, appeared to the writer, on the instant, as wholly improbable. It must still remain so unless it can be explained and accounted for in the transactions and events of the period.

The objection to be met and answered is, how could the people of Groton, thirty miles from Boston, at about the time the British troops were moving toward their boats, on the evening of the 18th, know anything of General Gage's purpose or design to visit Concord? Of course they knew nothing, excepting such information as the presence of the brass cannon, which had arrived among them, indicated. Probably the men who conveyed the cannon from Concord could not explain the matter, and yet it may possibly be true that they had learned before they left Concord, or suspected, the reason why they were sent; and, if so, would be sure to communicate it to the people of Groton. This, when we come to think of it, is not very improbable, although no reason is given in the votes of the Committee for their action. However this may be, the improbable story of Mr. Wright may possibly be explained and accounted for by the action of the Committee of Safety in the matter, by showing that the cannon were sent to Groton, and why they came to be sent there at that particular time.

#### *Explanation of the Story*

Almost every person familiar with the history of this period would, on the instant, reject the story as a fiction, and nothing but entire confidence in the truthfulness of the party referred to, and the little probability there is of his being able to invent such a relation, induced the writer to give it a moment's consideration. Turning the history of the period over in our mind, the points of which were very familiar, we thought we

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could see a possible explanation of the matter, as a consequence of the cautionary action of Warren, and the important services rendered at this time by Paul Revere.

It is well known to most readers and students, who are familiar with the history of this period, that Dr. Warren, so far as is known by his own inclination, remained in Boston while the Provincial Congress was in session at Concord, expressly to observe the action and movements of General Gage in this trying period. In consequence of some of these movements, especially that of launching the transport boats preparatory for use, and taking the Grenadiers and Light Infantry off duty, Warren determined to send notice of them, and of the preparations being made, as he believed, to capture the stores at Concord, to Hancock and Adams, then at Lexington.

This message was sent by Paul Revere, on Sunday, the 16th of April, 1775, to the effect that the British were preparing for an excursion into the country, and it was at once understood that the stores and ammunition collected at Concord were the object. Revere delivered his message promptly at Lexington, and returned in the afternoon, when, before going across the river from Charlestown, he made his arrangements about the signal-lanterns with Colonel Conant, — a matter which, no doubt, he had determined and arranged in his own mind during his solitary ride from Lexington.

### *Action of the Committee of Safety*

The Provincial Congress, which had been in session at Concord, adjourned on Saturday, the 15th of April, but the Committees of Safety and Supplies, who had control of the military, and other public matters pertaining thereto, did not adjourn finally on that day. They remained at Concord, and held an important meeting on Monday morning, the 17th, and, no doubt, commenced their proceedings without waiting for the arrival of Hancock from Lexington, where he had gone with Sam Adams each night during the session of Congress.

The first votes which the Committees passed, according to the records of their meetings, were as follows : —

*Voted*, that two four-pounders, now at Concord, be mounted by the Committee of Supplies, and that Colonel Barrett be desired to raise an Artillery Company, to join the Army when raised, etc.; and, also, that an instructor for the use of the cannon be appointed, to be put directly in pay.

*Voted*, unanimously, that £6, lawful money, be a Captain's pay in an artillery Company; that the 1st and 2d lieutenants have £4 5s.; that the Sergeants have 42s. per month, etc.

*Voted*, that when these Committees adjourn, it be to Mr. Wetherby's, at the Black Horse, Menotomy, on Wednesday, at 10 o'clock.

After these votes were passed, it is supposed and believed, John Hancock arrived from Lexington and joined the Committee in their meeting. Of course, he immediately communicated to them the important intelligence which he had received from Dr. Warren the day before, so that, without any reconsideration of the votes just passed, any adjournment or recess, the record shows that they continued the meeting and passed the following votes : —

*Voted*, that the four six-pounders be transported to Groton, and put under the care of Colonel Prescott.

*Voted*, that two seven-inch brass mortars be transported to Acton.

*Voted*, that the two Committees adjourn to Mr. Wetherby's, at Menotomy, [at] ten o'clock. [Not Wednesday, as first voted.]

The next day (Tuesday) a meeting was held, and it was voted that "the two brass two-pounders, and two brass three-pounders, be under the care of the Boston Company of Artillery, and of Capt. Robinson's (Company)."

What finally was the disposition of these cannon we have no means of knowing; but, when the approach of the British troops became known, Dr. Ripley, in his "History of the Fight at Concord," says : —

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A considerable number of them (Concord minute-men) were ordered to assist the citizens who were actively engaged in removing and secreting cannon, military stores, and provisions. The cannon were nearly all conveyed to a distance, some to adjacent towns, and some were buried in the ground, and some under heaps of manure.

Numerous other votes were passed for the removal and secretion of ammunition, provision, etc., and the Committee adjourned to the next day.

On Wednesday (19th) the Committee continued its session, at Menotomy (West Cambridge, now Arlington), and passed additional votes on the same subject.

Thus were the votes first passed, before the arrival of John Hancock, rescinded; and, of course, the cannon were not mounted, no Artillery Company was formed, nor teacher employed for their instruction.

All this was the result of the information from Dr. Warren, brought to Lexington by Paul Revere; to Concord by John Hancock, and, we may almost say, carried to Groton by the cannon! It is believed that no other explanation can be given of the discrepancies in these votes, so entirely different and adverse to each other, than that which has been suggested, namely, the arrival of Mr. Hancock after the passage of the first named votes, and the intelligence brought by him of General Gage's movements at Boston.

### *Sending the Cannon to Groton*

In accordance with the final votes of the Committee, the next morning (Tuesday, 18th) the cannon were promptly on their way to Groton, and arrived there late in the afternoon, while at Boston, the British troops were getting ready to embark in their boats for the opposite side of the river, on their way to Concord.

In view of what has been said, it may now be pretty confidently asked, What information did the appearance of these cannon at Groton communicate to the people, and especially



the minute-men of that town? It will be recollected that only a short time before this (26th of February), General Gage had sent Colonel Leslie to Salem to seize some pieces of cannon there, which he failed to secure, and this was probably known to the people of Groton at this time. There cannot be a doubt, therefore, putting these two things together, as to the story the presence of these cannon told, even if the men who carried them had been speechless.

*Action of the Groton Men*

The proceedings and action which followed, on the part of the Groton minute-men, were both natural and reasonable, and fully authorized the action of the volunteers, even supposing they were moved by curiosity alone, — a mere desire to see British soldiers. The minute-men, as we have stated, were promptly called together, and some of them determined to go to Concord that night; and, while Colonel Smith was moving his troops over the Cambridge marshes and swamps, these patriots were on their way to meet them at Concord bridge, without knowing who they were to meet or what was in store for them. What followed has been stated. The Groton minute-men arrived, and were among their brethren of Concord, Acton, Carlisle, Lincoln, and Bedford, in following and harassing the retreating troops, and it would seem, from the relation which we have given, that the improbability of Mr. Wright's story has been removed; the cannon certainly went to Groton, and almost as certainly the Groton minute-men came to Concord. The minute-men of the other towns named were notified of the coming of the British troops by special messengers. The cannon sent to Acton, no doubt, upon their arrival there on Tuesday (18th), told the same story as did the cannon at Groton; but, being so near to Concord, the citizens very naturally concluded that, if they were wanted, word would be sent to them at the earliest moment, as was the case; but the Groton men, though few in number, were the first to arrive.

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Mr. Corey, who used to tell his story in relation to the Concord fight to his grandchildren in his talk about the war, continued in the service of his country, and prior to his death a pension was granted to him (or afterwards to his widow); but nothing was ever received by either of them.

### *Confirmatory Evidence*

Since the first mention of this subject by the writer, Dr. Samuel A. Green, a native of Groton, has published a handsome volume, entitled "Epitaphs from the Old Burying Ground in Groton, Mass." One of the inscriptions, found upon the monument to the memory of Captain Abram Child, contains the following sentence: "He was a Lieutenant among the minute-men, and AIDED IN THE CONCORD FIGHT and the battle of Bunker Hill, 1775." The remainder of the inscription shows that Captain Child went through the war with Washington, and was the oldest Captain in the service at the capture of Stony Point, in 1779. He was just the man for a night expedition to Concord.

Mr. George William Curtis, in speaking of this incident in the history of the Concord fight, in a letter to the writer, says: "Your new chapter throws light upon the tradition of the horseman at Acton rousing the house with the news after midnight on the 18th. The whole legend is very interesting." And, we may add, seems to be confirmed most unexpectedly from various quarters. The Groton men, of course, came down through Acton, probably after midnight, and no doubt, with or without their burning torches, produced some excitement on the road.

### *Importance of the Service of Warren and Revere*

One result of this story is particularly worthy of notice, since it shows very clearly what has scarcely ever been considered, or, in fact, alluded to, and that is the importance of the service rendered by Paul Revere in his journey to Lexington, on Sunday prior to the much more celebrated mid-

night ride which followed it. The story of this ride, quiet and peaceful as it was, has never been immortalized in the lines of the poet; yet it shows very clearly that the preservation of the cannon — nearly all that the Colony possessed at that time, — and probably the largest portion of the ammunition and stores at Concord, were saved, as we have seen, by the cautionary measures of Dr. Warren, and the essential service of Paul Revere, on the Sunday previous to the fight at Concord bridge.

Revere himself makes but very slight mention of this Sunday ride. He simply says: —

The Sunday before, by desire of Dr. Warren, I had been to Lexington, to Messrs. Hancock and Adams, who were at the Rev. Mr. Clark's. I returned at night through Charlestown; there I agreed with a Colonel Conant, and other gentlemen, that if the British went out by water, we would show two lanterns in the North Church Steeple, and if by land, one, as a signal; for we were apprehensive it would be difficult to cross the Charles River, or get over Boston Neck.

(Revere's letter to Dr. Belknap.)

We see now more clearly than ever before the importance of Paul Revere's first ride to Lexington.

### *Note*

Since this paper was read before the Bostonian Society, Mr. Wright has informed the writer that his grandfather, after he had told him the story about the Concord fight, gave to him an old powder-horn which he had used during the war. This powder-horn, he said, he took from a British soldier who had been shot on the retreat to Lexington, and whose body was lying by the roadside in Lincoln. Some of the other men, he said, took off his boots and some of his clothes. The powder-horn, Mr. Wright says, was quite a nice piece of work, and held just one pound of powder. It had a peculiar stopper (probably a spring snapper, like some now known), and at the larger end, on the under side (when hung over

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the shoulder), was engraved the English coat of arms, and on the upper side, what Mr. Wright says, they call the British Ensign. The bottom of the horn was made of brass, saucer shaped, with a hole half an inch in diameter, in the centre, serving as a tunnel, to pour in the powder, with a wooden stopper. The horn had been used by Mr. Wright and his brother, in their hunting excursions, for many years, and they agree perfectly in the description of it. It was finally lost, by the brother who owned it, in the burning of his house some years ago.

After having written the above, the writer was informed by Mr. Winsor, librarian of Harvard College, that there was a powder-horn somewhat answering the above description in possession of the Massachusetts Historical Society. The next day (June 11, 1885) the writer visited the rooms of the Society, in Boston, and was shown by Dr. Green, the librarian, several old powder-horns of a similar character, all of them quite elaborately engraved and similar in many respects apparently to that described by Mr. Wright, with the exception that these all appeared to be American powder-horns, as one of them seemed to say, "To be used in the cause of liberty." Mr. Wright's story of this old powder-horn which he had, and the way his grandfather came into possession of it, and its distinct resemblance to those in use at the time, give additional weight and interest to the original story that the Groton men were in the Concord fight on the 19th of April, 1775. The dead soldier was probably one of those buried in the Lincoln graveyard.

*Appendix*

STRICTLY speaking, the following articles do not belong in this volume, as they are in no way connected with the Revolutionary War. But they bear so closely on the military history of the town, as a matter of convenience it has been thought best to print them here in an Appendix.

*Two Groton Soldiers in the Expedition against  
Carthagera*

War between Great Britain and Spain was declared on October 23, 1739; and early in the year 1740 the English government sent out an expedition against the Spanish possessions on this continent. The English provinces in America were called upon to furnish their share both of men and means toward the undertaking; and Massachusetts sent five hundred soldiers who took part in the operations against Carthagera, the principal town on the Spanish main, in the province of New Granada. Of this number only fifty men lived to return, the others for the most part dying of pestilential disease. Among the Massachusetts Archives (XCI. 333) at the State House is an imperfect Muster Roll of Captain John Prescott's Company, which gives the names of two soldiers, natives of Groton, and presumably residents of the town, who served in that unfortunate expedition. They were Josiah Blanchard, aged 40, a blacksmith by trade, who enlisted on May 10, 1740; and Joshua Parker, aged 39, "Gentelman," who enlisted on July 1. Probably neither lived to return, as there is no

later reference to them in any public record. Blanchard was an only son of James and Anna Blanchard, and was born on June 24, 1698. For eight years his father was town clerk of Groton. I am unable to identify Parker, who belonged to a family very numerous in the town.

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*Military Warrant*

The following copy of a warrant was made by me some years ago, though I do not know now the ownership of the paper: —

To quarter master John Russel of Littelton

You are hear by Directed to see that all the Troppers in Littelton vnder my Command and Amos Russel of haruard be warned to appear in the Training field in Groton on Tuesday the Tenth Day of october Next at Ten of the Clock in the fore Noon with arms and amonision Compleat according to Law together with your Self Thear to attend Such millatery orders and Instructions as you shall Receiue from your Commanding officers and make Return of this warrant with your Doings thear on to my Self at or before the Day aboue sd

Sr the Reason I Troubel you with the warrant Is because I Do not Know wheather we haue a Corporal in Littelton.

Dated at Groton Sep<sup>tr</sup> th 25 1749

THO<sup>s</sup> TARBELL *Capt'*

[Addressed]

To quarter master

John Russell

in Littelton

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*Groton Artillery Company*

Last Tuesday se'nnight [September 30] the regiment commanded by Col. Henry Woods, and the company of artillery commanded by Capt. [Amos] Farnsworth, met at Groton, for the purpose of discipline. — Their conduct through the whole day was such, as

merited the applause of a numerous body of spectators, and did honor to all those immediately concerned, and clearly demonstrated, they had in view the importance of a well disciplined militia, to a rising nation.

"The Independent Chronicle, and the Universal Advertiser," October 9, 1783.

The following roster of the Company is found in "The Massachusetts Register" (page 122) for the year 1788:—

*Artillery Company at Groton, 2d Brig.*

Amos Farnsworth, *Captain*,  
Abijah Prescott, *Captain Lieutenant*,  
Samuel Rockwood, *first lieutenant*,  
Winslow Parker, *senior second lieutenant*,  
Elnathan Sartell, *junior second lieutenant*.

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*The South Military Company*

The following copies of original papers were given me nearly twenty years ago, by the late Dr. John S. H. Fogg, of South Boston, in whose possession they were at that time. They relate to the South Company of Groton, then commanded by Captain Timothy Bigelow, who afterward became Speaker of the Massachusetts House of Representatives, as also did Luther Lawrence, to whom one of the warrants is addressed. Tyler Bigelow, one of the private soldiers, was a cousin and subsequently a brother-in-law of Captain Timothy, and the father of the late Honorable George Tyler Bigelow, formerly Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Massachusetts. Loammi Baldwin, Jr., another private, was afterward a distinguished civil engineer, who built the Government dry docks at Charlestown and at Norfolk, Virginia. For many years there were three military companies in the town, known respectively as the North Company, the South Company, and the Groton Artillery; and occasionally they would parade together through the village streets, and drill as a battalion.

MIDDLESEX SS. To John Reed sergeant. *Greeting.*

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are required to notify and warn

Joseph Stone sergeant.	Ezra Farnsworth.	Jonathan Nutting
Saml. Reed sergeant.	Abel Farnsworth.	Moses Nutting
Saml. Paine sergeant.	David Fletcher.	Hezekiah Spaulding
Rufus Moors corporal.	Eli Flint.	Thomas Bennett Jr.
Thomas Mead corporal	Benj <sup>n</sup> Farnsworth	Simon Page Jr.
Peter Chase corporal.	Stephen Farrar.	John Parke.
Jonas Trowbridge fifer	Henry Farwell Jr.	Elijah Paine.
John Fitch fifer.	Silas Farwell.	John Robbins Jr.
Josiah Hazen fifer	Saml. Farnsworth	John Rockwood
John Kemp drummer	Zachariah Fitch Jr.	Alpheus Richardson.
Amos Davis Jr. drummer	Thomas Gass.	Amos Stone Jr.
John Adams Jr. drummer	Phineas Gould	Caleb Symmes
Benj <sup>n</sup> Buttrick	Nathan Hubbard Jr.	Phineas Stone.
Thaddeus Bailey	Daniel Hart	Sylvanus Smith.
Timothy Blood	Elias Hart	Abraham Symonds.
Oliver Blood 3 <sup>d</sup>	Joseph Hemenway	William Symonds.
Jonathan Bennet	Amos Harris.	Abel Swallow.
Edward Bolton	Noah Humphreys	Joseph Sawtell 3 <sup>d</sup>
Johnathan Cooper	James Kendall	Peter Tarbell
Samuel Cooke	Ebenezer Lampson.	John Trufant.
Moses Chase.	Amos Lampson Jr.	Amos Tarbell
Samuel Dodge	Abel Morse	Joseph Wright
Abel Davis	Abijah Nutting	Asa Wheeler
Ephraim Farnsworth.	Phinehas Nutting.	Parker Wetherbee.

All belonging to the South Company in Groton, in said County commanded by me of which Company you are the first sergeant and clerk, to appear on the publick parade, or training field, in said Groton on Thursday the 4<sup>th</sup> day of July next, at one of the clock in the afternoon, with their arms and equipments compleat, for the purpose of military instruction and exercise. And in case you cannot conveniently notify and warn the said persons as aforesaid yourself you are to cause the same to be done by some other non-commissioned officer belonging to said company, by giving them, or some of them, orders for that purpose in my name. Hereof fail not, and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to myself at or before said day. Given under my hand & seal this 4<sup>th</sup> day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety nine.

TIMOTHY BIGELOW *Captain.*



GROTON, June 25<sup>th</sup> 1799.

In obedience to the within warrant I have notified and warned all the within named persons (or caused the same to be done by a sergeant) to appear at the time and place. JOHN REED.

MIDDLESEX SS. To Luther Lawrence *Greeting.*

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are required to notify and warn

Amos Davis Drummer	James Farnsworth.
David Darling	Jonas Phillips
Joseph Bullard	Isaac Hall
William Shiple	Eli Faulkner
Timothy H. Newman	Samuel Phips
Benjamin Page Jun <sup>r</sup>	Daniel Swallow
Phinehas Gould	William Stearns
Aaron Jewett.	Abel Holden
James Kendall	Jabez Parker
Lommi Baldwin Jun <sup>r</sup>	Asa Jinneson
Tyler Bigelow	Stephen Kemp.
William Lawrence	John Wright.
Ezra Farnsworth	Daniel Richardson
David Fletcher	

All belonging to the South company in Groton in said County commanded by me of which you are also a member to appear on the public parade or training field in said Groton on Tuesday the third day of May next at one of the clock in the afternoon with their arms and equipments compleat for the purpose of examination and view of arms, and for military instruction and exercise. Hereof fail not and make due return of this order to myself or the commanding officer at said time and place. Given under my hand and seal this eleventh day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and three

TIMOTHY BIGELOW *Captain*

MIDDLESEX SS. GROTON April 28. 1803.

In obedience to the within warrant I have given legal notice to all the persons within mentioned (except Amos Davis, Tyler Bigelow, and Daniel Richardson who are out of town) to appear at the time and place within mentioned for the purposes within mentioned

LUTHER LAWRENCE.

*A Naval Hero*

The following extract is taken from "The History of our Navy from its Origin to the Present Day 1775-1897" (New York, 1897), by John R. Spears. An account is there given of the last battle fought by the United States frigate "Essex" against two British vessels in the harbor of Valparaiso, on March 28, 1814. Owing to more men and heavier guns on the part of the enemy, Captain David Porter, the American commander, was obliged to give the order to strike the colors.

At that, Benjamin Hazen, a Groton seaman (who, though painfully wounded, had remained at his post, and at the last had joined in the request to haul down the flag to save the wounded), bade adieu in hearty fashion to those around him, said he had determined never to survive the surrender of the *Essex*, and jumped overboard. He was drowned (III. 43, 44).

For several generations the name of Benjamin Hazen has been a familiar one in Groton. Heroes do not spring up, here or elsewhere, in such numbers that the town can afford to forget such a son, who long ago passed into obscurity. Hazen's name, numbered 180, is given in a list printed in the "Journal of a Cruise made to the Pacific Ocean" (Philadelphia, 1815), by Captain David Porter. It is found on page 9 of the first volume, where he is rated as a "seaman;" and on page 161 of the second volume it appears again in the list of those killed in action.

Benjamin Hazen was the third son and fourth child of Benjamin and Lydia (Woods) Hazen, and was born at Groton, on June 13, 1776. A year ago, in talking with Luther Hazen, a native of the town and a nephew of the seaman, I found that he was familiar with the circumstances connected with his uncle's tragic death. He told me that, according to family tradition, the old sailor weighted his pockets with heavy shot before he jumped overboard.

*Groton Military Matters*

From the earliest period of our Colonial history training-days were appointed by the General Court for the drilling of soldiers; and at intervals the companies used to come together as a regiment and practise military evolutions. From this custom arose the modern militia muster.

During a long time, and particularly in the early part of the present century, many such musters were held at Groton. A training-field often used for the purpose was the plain, situated near Capell's Mills, a mile and a half northwest of the village. Sometimes they were held on the easterly side of the Great Road, and at other times on the westerly side. During my boyhood musters took place, twice certainly, on the eastern slope of the hill on the south side of the Broad Meadow Road near Farmers' Row; and also, once certainly, in the field lying southeast of Lawrence Academy, where High Street now runs, though it occurred before that street was laid out. Musters have been held on land back of the house formerly occupied by Charles Jacobs, and in a field near the dwelling where Benjamin Moors used to live, close by James's Brook in the south part of the town.

A well-known military company of the State militia, and one of the oldest in the State, was the Groton Artillery, organized on October 19, 1778, with William Swan as its first captain. (See page 296 for an early item concerning this company.) In later times, known as Co. B, Sixth Massachusetts Militia Regiment of Infantry, it took part in the War of the Rebellion. It went into the public service on the memorable occasion when Governor John A. Andrew called for three-months men to go to Washington, and it was one of the companies forming the Sixth Massachusetts Militia Regiment which passed through Baltimore on April 19, 1861. After an eventful experience at the outset, the regiment returned to Boston on August 1. In the autumn of that year

the Twenty-sixth was recruited in Lowell, the old Sixth furnishing the nucleus; and the companies left Boston for Ship Island, Mississippi Sound, on November 21. The officers in the two regiments were for the most part the same; and again the Groton Artillery company shared the lot and fortune of the new organization. It formed Co. B, and served with distinction during three years. In the summer of 1862, after a call for nine-months men, the Sixth Regiment was ordered into camp at Lowell, and recruited to its full strength. On September 1, when it left for Washington, a company went with it which was an offshoot of the Groton Artillery. And still later the same regiment was mustered into service on July 20, 1864, for one hundred days, and left at once for Washington, again accompanied by the representatives of the old Artillery company.

Upon the re-organization of the *Massachusetts Volunteer Militia*, under Chapter 204, Acts of 1876, by an order dated July 14, 1876, this historic body became Co. F, Tenth Regiment. For one reason or another its former life and prosperity now seemed to desert it; and by an order from the Adjutant-General's office, under date of August 15, 1876, the company, with several others at the same time, was disbanded.

Near the beginning of the present century the Governor of the Commonwealth visited Groton, and was received with military honors by this same company. The fact is given in the "*Columbian Centinel*," July 10, 1802, as follows:—

His Excellency Governor STRONG, and Lady, are on a tour to the western part, of the State of *New-Hampshire*.

We hear from *Groton*, that on Thursday last [July 8], upon the departure of Governor STRONG from that place, where he had tarried the preceding night, the artillery company in that town, commanded by Capt. [James] LEWIS fired a salute of sixteen guns in honor of the Commander in Chief.

By a coincidence, just one hundred years before this time, Joseph Dudley, Governor of the Province, visited Groton, and

was welcomed with a military reception. In the autumn of 1702, Chief-Justice Samuel Sewall accompanied Governor Dudley through Middlesex County on a tour of inspection; and in his Diary, under date of October 28, he writes:—

Went to Groton, saw Capt. [Jonas] Prescott and his company in Arms. (Gov<sup>r</sup> had sent to them from Dunstable that [he] would visit them.) Lancaster is about 12 Miles Southward from Groton. Concord is 16 Miles  $\frac{3}{4}$  and Ten-Rod from Groton.

(Massachusetts Historical Collections, fifth series, VI. 67.)

Captain Prescott was a blacksmith by trade, and the ancestor of a long line of distinguished families. He was the grandfather of Colonel William Prescott, the commander of the American forces at Bunker Hill, who was himself the father of William Prescott, the lawyer and jurist, and the grandfather of William Hickling Prescott, the historian.

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### *Camp Stevens at Groton*

During the War of the Rebellion, in the autumn of 1862, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts established a military camp at Groton, on the triangular piece of land situated in the southwesterly part of the town, and bounded by the Peterborough and Shirley Railroad, the Nashua River and the road to what was formerly known as Shirley Village, but now as Shirley. It contained eighteen or twenty acres, more or less, and at that time belonged to Joseph Cutts; the entrance was near the angle made by the railroad and the highway. The Fifty-third Regiment of Infantry, Massachusetts Volunteer Militia, while its ranks were recruiting, was encamped on this ground. The regiment was raised from Groton, and Clinton, Leominster, Fitchburg, and other towns in the neighborhood belonging to Worcester County, and was mustered into the public service for nine months.

Special Order, No. 916, issued by the Adjutant-General of the Commonwealth, September 19, 1862, contains the following:—

A camp of rendezvous is established at Groton Junction, Middlesex Co., where barracks are being built, which is designated Camp Stevens. Capt. W. C. Sawyer, 23d Regt. Mass. Vols., is appointed Commandant. Due notice will be given when the barracks are ready for use.

Special Order, No. 955, under the date of September 23, has the following:—

Lindsey Tilden [Charles Linzee Tilden], 20th Regt. Mass. Vols., is detailed for Post Adjutant at Camp Stevens, Groton.

The camp was so named in memory of General Isaac Ingalls Stevens, a native of Andover and a graduate of West Point, who was killed in the battle of Chantilly, Virginia, on September 6, 1862, only a fortnight before the camp was established.

The Commandant was Wesley Caleb Sawyer, born in the adjoining town of Harvard, on August 26, 1839, who graduated at Harvard College in the Class of 1861. Soon after leaving Cambridge, he was commissioned, on October 8, 1861, as a Captain in the Twenty-third Massachusetts Volunteers, and he left the State with that regiment. He was attached to the Burnside expedition, that went to North Carolina; in the Battle of Newbern, March 14, 1862, he was severely wounded, which resulted in the amputation of his left thigh, and necessarily he was prevented from further participation in an active campaign.

The regiment left Camp Stevens, on Saturday, November 29, for New York, where it remained until January 17, 1863, at which time it embarked for New Orleans. Subsequently to the departure of the troops from Groton, the following order was issued:—

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS,  
HEAD QUARTERS, BOSTON, Dec. 20, 1862.

Special Order, No. 1311.

The troops which were enlisted and mustered into service at Camp Stevens, Groton Junction, having left the Commonwealth for the seat of war, Capt. Wesley C. Sawyer, Commandant of the Camp, is relieved from further service, and I am directed by His Excellency the Commander in Chief, to thank Capt. Sawyer for the acceptable manner in which he has performed the duties of his post.

By order of the Commander in Chief,

WILLIAM SCHOULER,  
*Adjt. General.*

Since the war Captain Sawyer has studied at Göttingen, Germany, where he received the degree of Doctor of Philosophy. He has since held the professorship of Intellectual Philosophy and Rhetoric in Lawrence University, Appleton, Wisconsin, and as a professor has been connected with the Normal School at Oshkosh, Wisconsin; but for the last ten years he has been a resident of California.

The barracks and other structures used by the soldiers at Camp Stevens have long since disappeared, and not a trace of the former occupation is now to be seen. Years ago some of them were taken down, and others moved away, mostly to the village of Ayer. Hon. George James Burns, a lawyer of that town, wrote an interesting article for "The Groton Landmark," June 25, 1887, which traces the history of many of these buildings.

In the autumn of 1862, Dr. Edward Jarvis, of Dorchester, was appointed by Surgeon-General Dale to visit the various camps in the State, of which there were ten, and report on their sanitary condition. The result of his labors may be found in two communications printed in "The Boston Medical and Surgical Journal" (LXVII. 364-367 and 381-384, respectively) for December 4 and 11, 1862, wherein he makes some criticism on Camp Stevens.

According to the "Record of Massachusetts Volunteers, 1861-1865" (I. 390-392), the following soldiers died in camp at Groton: Henry A. Waters, of Shirley, Co. D, on October 25, 1862; Spencer Stockwell, of Athol, Co. E, November 20; and Daniel P. Hemenway, of Barre, Co. F, December 1.

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*Roll of Honor*

1861-1865

Like many other places in New England, the town of Groton has erected a monument in memory of her sons who fell during the War of the Rebellion. It is in the form of a marble tablet, affixed to the southerly wall of the entry-way in the Town House, and bears the names of the men, as well as of their company and regiment, and the date and place of their death. The names of forty soldiers, arranged in four columns of ten each, are cut in the marble immediately under the legend. Unfortunately, the list was not prepared with strict historical accuracy, and, as a result, various errors, both of omission and commission, have crept into the record. Unfortunately, too, the stone-cutter has not been uniform in his use of punctuation marks; and even the names are not placed in exact alphabetical order.

The tablet measures 7 feet 9 inches in width, by 6 feet 9 inches in height, including a moulding five inches in width round the four sides. The appropriation for the cost was made by the town, on April 3, 1882, but, according to "Turner's Public Spirit" (Ayer), May 31, 1884, the stone was not placed in position until May 28 of that year. The expense of the tablet, as given on page 24 of the Annual Report of the Town for the year ending March 20, 1885, was \$293.30.

The inscriptions are as follows:—



## THE TOWN OF GROTON.

places this tablet in memory of her sons who died in the service  
of their country during the Civil War.

1861.—1865.

JOHN C. ALLEY,  
Co. A. 22 Mass. Regt  
Died at Annapolis, Md.  
Dec. 19, 1864.

JONATHAN BROOKS,  
Co. C. 16 Mass. Regt  
Killed at Fair Oaks, Va.  
June 18, 1862.

AUSTIN W. BOND,  
Co. I. 12 Conn. Regt  
Died in Hospital,  
May 29, 1863.

JAMES V. BARRETT,  
19 Mass. Regt  
Died at Salisbury, N. C.  
Feb. 3, 1865.

WARREN BLAKE,  
Co. H. 53 Mass. Regt  
Died at Baton Rouge, La.  
July 8, 1863.

[The Descriptive List and the Muster-in Roll both give his name as Warren  
H. Blake.]

EUSEBIUS S. CLARK,  
Co. B. 26 Mass. Regt  
Died of wounds [at Winchester, Va.],  
Oct. 17, 1864.

[The Muster-out Roll gives the place of death.]

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WILLIAM CROCKETT JR.  
Co. E. 33 Mass. Regt  
Killed at Lookout Val. Tenn.  
Oct. 29, 1863.

JAMES CARLAN,  
Co. C. 53 Mass. Regt  
Killed at Port Hudson, La.  
June 14, 1863.

JOHN B. CALDWELL,  
Co. H. 53 Mass. Regt  
Died at New York,  
Aug. 25, 1863.

JAMES M. CHAPIN,  
Co. H. 53 Mass. Regt  
Died at New Orleans.  
Apr. 30, 1863.

MICHAEL DONLAN,  
Co. D. 20 Mass. Regt  
Died at Andersonville, Ga.  
June 26, 1864.

GEO. S. EVANS,  
Co. C. 16 Mass. Regt  
Died [at Manassas, Va.]  
Nov. 11, 1862.

["Massachusetts in the Army and Navy" (II. 276) gives the place of death.]

GEO. A. FULICK,  
Co. C. 26 Mass. Regt  
Killed at Winchester, Va.  
Sept. 20, 1864.

GEO. A. GLEASON,  
Co. B. 28 Mass. Regt  
Died of wounds [at Washington, D. C.],  
July 1 [June 26], 1864.

[The Hospital Report on file at the State House gives the date and place of death.]

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JAMES A. HARTWELL,  
Co. A. 36 Mass. Regt  
Died at Camp Nelson, Ky.  
Jan. 29, 1864.

[The Descriptive List and the Muster-in Roll both give his name as Adam  
J. Hartwell.]

EDMUND P. HALL,  
Co. E. 30 Mass. Regt  
Died at New Orleans,  
Nov. 23, 1862.

GEO. D. HAYNES.  
Co. B. 26 Mass. Regt  
Died at New Orleans,  
Oct. 19 [Aug. 22], 1862.

[The Muster-in Roll gives his name as George H. Haynes, and the Muster-out  
Roll gives the date of death as August 22.]

ADRASTUS HAZZARD.  
Co. F. 54 Mass. Regt  
Died at Beaufort. S. C.  
July 7, 1865.

CHARLES H. JAQUITH,  
Co. B. 56 Mass. Regt  
Killed in Wilderness, Va.  
May 6, 1864.

LEANDER G. KING.  
Co. C. 16 Mass. Regt  
Killed at Gettysburg, Penn.  
July 6, 1863.

LEANDER S. KENDALL,  
Co. B. 26 Mass. Regt  
Died [at New Orleans],  
Aug. 20 [18], 1862.

[The Muster-out Roll gives the date of death as August 18, and also the place.]

## Appendix

WILLIAM LAW JR.  
Co. E. 33 Mass. Regt  
Died

July 14, 1864.

JOEL F. LAWRENCE,  
Co. C. 16 Mass. Regt  
Killed in Wilderness, Va.  
May 10, 1864.

CHARLES H. LEONARD,  
Co. H. 57 Mass. Regt  
Killed in Wilderness, Va.  
May 1, 1864.

OLIVER B. OSBORN,  
Co. E. 33 Mass. Regt  
Died [at Thoroughfare Gap, Va.]  
Nov. 5, 1862.

[A. J. Boies's "Record of the Thirty-third Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry"  
(page 153) gives the place of death.]

TIMOTHY O'CONNOR,  
Co. B. 26 Mass. Regt  
Killed at Winchester, Va.  
Sept. 19, 1864.

CHARLES H. PIERCE,  
Co. E. 33 Mass. Regt  
Died of wounds,  
July [1]8, 1863.

[The Muster-out Roll gives the date of death as July 18.]

WM. H. PRIEST,  
Co. B. 26 Mass. Regt  
Killed at Winchester, Va.  
Sept. 19, 1864.

JEROME S. PARKER,  
Co. C. 16 Mass. Regt  
Died of wounds [at Gettysburg, Penn.],  
July 12, 1863.

[The Monthly Report on file at the State House gives the place of death.]

ALFRED A. RICHARDSON,  
Co. B. 6 Mass. Regt  
Died at Suffolk. Va.  
Dec. 8, 1862.

JACOB S. RAYNOR, Jr.  
Co. H. 53 Mass. Regt  
Died at Port Hudson,  
June 28, 1863.

WM. G. RAND,  
Co. E. 33 Mass. Regt  
Died of wounds,  
Nov. 1863.

PATRICK READY,  
Co. B. 56 Mass. Regt  
Killed at Spottsylvania,  
May 12, 1864.

EDWARD D. SAWTELL,  
Co. B. 6 Mass. Regt  
Killed at Deserted House. Va.  
Jan. 30, 1863.

[The Muster-out Roll says at "Deserted House, near Suffolk, Va."]

ANDREW J. STEVENS,  
Co. B. 26 Mass. Regt  
Died at New Orleans.  
July 9, 1862.

LUTHER E. TENNY,  
Co. B. 26 Mass. Regt  
Died at New Orleans.  
Mar. [3]1, 1863.

[The Muster-out Roll gives the date of death as March 31.]

HENRY E. TOSIER,  
[Co. I.] 8 Maine Regt  
Killed [near Spring Hill, Va.]  
Dec. [10] 1864.

[The "Official Army Register," Part I. (page 26), gives the date and place of his death as well as the Letter of his company.]

## Appendix

JOHN WAIGAND.

Co. A. 22 Mass. Regt

Died in Rebel Prison [at Andersonville, Ga.],

May 15, 1864.

[A letter from the War Department to the Adjutant-General of the Commonwealth, dated October 24, 1896, gives the place of death.]

GEO. H. WILLIAMS,

Co. E. 33 Mass. Regt

Killed near Dallas, Ga.

May 25, 1864.

ANDREW L. WOODWARD,

Co. E. 33 Mass. Regt

Died

Nov. 8, 1864.

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*Echo of the Spanish War*

A special dispatch from Fitchburg, dated February 15, 1900, and printed in "The Boston Herald" of the next day, says :—

William F. Duggan of Company F, 26th regiment, who was reported killed in the Philippines, was born in July, 1875, in Groton, being the son of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick F. Duggan of Leominster. He was an employe of the Wheelwright Paper Company, and shortly before his enlistment worked in Holyoke. He enlisted from Springfield. He leaves a father, a mother, and five brothers and sisters.

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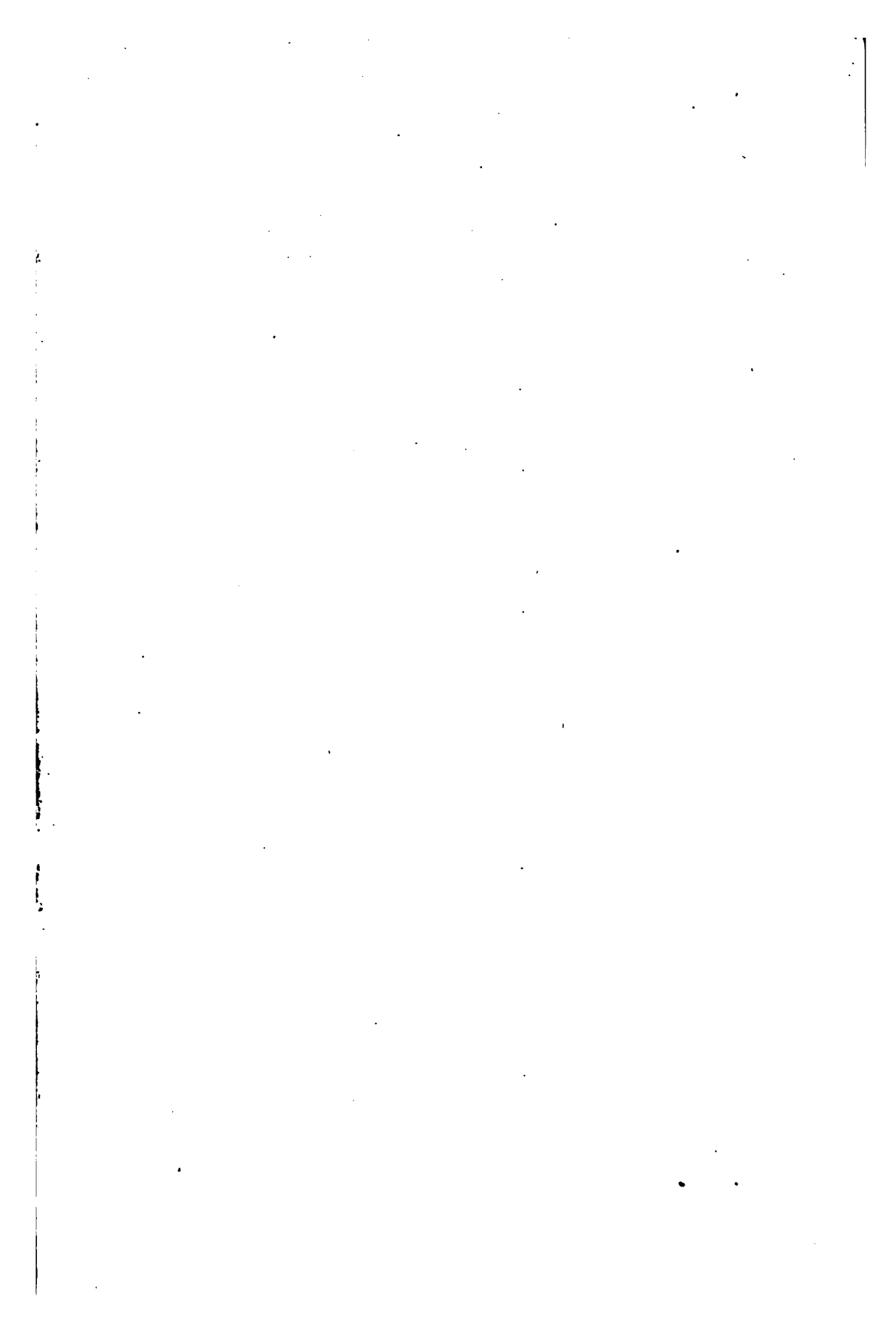
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